

## TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD JUDICIAL INQUIRY

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                  THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Mr
   Mather...?
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                  THE REGISTRAR: Mr. Glicksman, you
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   understand you're still under oath?
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                  MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN:
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               JOHN GLICKSMAN, Previously Sworn
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                  MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Your Honour,
   before we start up, I was going through the Foundation
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   Document last night and I came across some notes of
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   the meeting of September the 19th that John Herhalt
   took, and I need to make a correction to my affidavit.
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                  THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: What's
18 -- what's the correction?
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                  MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So in my
20 affidavit at 23(c) --
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                  THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Right.
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                  MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- the last
23 sentence said:
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                      "I did not attain -- attend the
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                     presentation to the strategic task
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- 1 force."
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Yes.
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: And according to
- 4 Mr. Herhalt's notes, I did attend the presentation at
- 5 the Strategic Task Force, and also --
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So you
- 7 want to -- you want to -- you want to change the
- 8 affidavit to either record the fact that you were
- 9 there or record the fact that you don't remember
- 10 whether you were there?
- 11 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No. In going
- 12 through his notes, you know -- unfortunately this is
- 13 like almost eight (8) years ago.
- 14 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 15 understand that.
- 16 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: And in going
- 17 through his notes last night, I do remember being
- 18 there and actually do remember some of the points that
- 19 are in his notes also.
- 20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 21 right. So we'll take it that your affidavit has been
- 22 corrected to reflect the fact that you are now saying
- 23 that you were at that meeting.
- 24 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 25 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All

Transcript Date June 4, 2019 7 right. 2 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Should I talk to some of the points in his notes or just leave it --3 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: you're asked about them. 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Okay. Thank you. THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: 7 MΥ. Mather...? 9 10 CONTINUED EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR. JOHN MATHER: 11 MR. JOHN MATHER: Mr. Glicksman, on 12 that, could you please provide us with what you do 13 recall about attending that meeting? 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So some of the 15 things -- we were talking about Mr. Bonwick's letter to me and maybe why I didn't -- wasn't concerned at the time, and a couple of things that are in his notes 17 18 on our meeting that are not in his notes on the 19 Horizon meeting, that one, the discussion of a 50/50

- 20 proposal was discussed at our presentation and his
- 21 notes said that we were open to it. Recapitalization
- 22 was discussed at the meeting.
- 23 Again, that's not -- that was not
- 24 something that was in our presentation, and so that's
- 25 in his notes, so that must have been discussed at the

- 1 -- with -- you know, as part of the discussion back
- 2 and forth when Brian is giving the slides and
- 3 questions are coming back. And other than such -- I
- 4 think those were the --
- 5 The -- the timing of the RFP was
- 6 discussed at that meeting. It -- it says that the
- 7 timing was going to be October/November, RFP was going
- 8 to be out. The objectives and criteria of valuation
- 9 were questions that were discussed at that meeting.
- 10 I think those were some of the
- 11 highlights in John's notes that I do recall -- or his
- 12 notes say they were discussed and my -- and they
- 13 aren't in the notes, for example, on Horizon, and I
- 14 can recollect that those were discussed, and that may
- 15 be one of the reasons why when I got the letter from
- 16 Mr. Bonwick, really nothing twigged on it because we
- 17 had already discussed the 50/50 at -- at the meeting.
- 18 MR. JOHN MATHER: Other than set out
- 19 in Mr. Herhalt's notes, do you have any indirect --
- 20 independent recollection of that meeting?
- 21 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Well, one of the
- 22 things, when I saw the notes and -- and the -- there's
- 23 a point -- thing later, some of -- they actually bring
- 24 back the -- the recollection that those type of things
- 25 were discussed.

- 1 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you have an
- 2 independent recollection of what was said about the
- 3 timing of the RFP at the September 19th meeting?
- 4 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That it was going
- 5 to be shor -- that it was going to be shortly.
- 6 MR. JOHN MATHER: So with paragraph
- 7 24(c) in front of us, you say near the end of the
- 8 paragraph in the second last -- second last sentence:
- 9 "I never asked Mr. Bonwick how he
- 10 obtained this information."
- 11 And in that case you're -- I understand
- 12 you're specifically talking about the September 20th
- 13 email.
- 14 More generally, did you ever ask Mr.
- 15 Bonwick where he obtained any of his information, to
- 16 your recollection?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I did not.
- 18 MR. JOHN MATHER: After the RFP was
- 19 issued on October 4th, 2011, do you recall that
- 20 communications were to be directed through KPMG with
- 21 respect to the RFP?
- 22 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I -- I do recall
- 23 that now. I do also seem to recollect that I don't
- 24 think the data room was open at the time of the RFP
- 25 for a while, and that may be why we went back to ask

- 1 questions, not directly, sometimes to Mr. -- at the
- 2 beginning to Mr. Herhalt. Data room was not
- 3 available.
- 4 MR. JOHN MATHER: You say you think
- 5 that might be why. Do you have a specific
- 6 recollection of discussions about whether or not
- 7 requests should be made to KPMG because of the state
- 8 of the data room, or whether they should be directed
- 9 elsewhere?
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I'm just thinking
- 11 in the affidavit that there is a request that went to
- 12 Mr. Bonwick from one of my staff about information on
- 13 -- on staff -- on staff, you know, identifying, and I
- 14 don't know why that went to Mr. Bonwick. Other than
- 15 the meeting earlier in the day I think that I hadn't
- 16 been at, where they were looking for information, I
- 17 don't think they were able to access the data room.
- I think the request went to Mr.
- 19 Bonwick, who likely went to somebody at the Utility,
- 20 and I think that data was added to the data room the
- 21 next day when the data room was open. So that's the
- 22 only reason I can think that any request would not
- 23 have gone directly to Mr. Herhalt.
- I can't recollect any other request
- 25 that did not go directly to KPMG.

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                   MR. JOHN MATHER: And with respect to
   that request, it sounds from your answers that you're
   surmising about what you think happened, but you don't
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   recall a conversation about that.
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                   MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I was not in the
   meeting with -- my staff had where they said they
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   should go back to Mr. Bonwick to as that information.
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                   MR. JOHN MATHER: Could we pull up
   ALE489?
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                   MR. JOHN MATHER: So, Mr. Glicksman,
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   this is an email chain, and we can go through to the
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   extent it -- it assists you, but it's an email chain
   where you send the RFP document to BDR, John McNeil,
   and Daniel Miller, after it's issued on October 4th.
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                   And if we scroll down to the second
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   email, this is an email from you to Mr. Miller, and
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   you say:
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                      "Daniel: I just sent you Paul's
                      notes. Here are my first thoughts."
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                   And then:
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                      "I'm not sure reading the RFP how to
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                      make this work."
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- 1 And you go on and provide some comments
- 2 on the RFP.
- Just to confirm, was Mr. Miller at BDR?
- 4 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No. Mr. Miller
- 5 is one of my staff, my financial analyst.
- 6 MR. JOHN MATHER: So if we scroll up.
- 7 So Mr. McNeil, he is at BDR, correct?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 9 MR. JOHN MATHER: In response, Mr.
- 10 McNeil writes you and says:
- "Hi John: Got your email and very
- much share your concerns."
- 13 Which are the ones you identified in
- 14 the email below.
- 15 And then he says:
- 16 "BTW I did not receive 'a copy of
- 17 Paul's notes,' but maybe I am not
- 18 supposed to see them!"
- 19 Do you have a recollection of receiving
- 20 this email?
- 21 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Not directly.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you have an
- 23 understanding of what Mr. McNeil meant when he said he
- 24 did not receive "a copy of Paul's notes" but maybe
- 25 he's not supposed to receive them?

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think that was
- 2 a letter that Paul sent, with -- Mr. Bonwick sent,
- 3 with his suggestions on the RFP, which would be
- 4 included in the RFP.
- 5 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you recall if
- 6 those suggestions were shared with Mr. McNeil at BDR?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I don't -- I
- 8 don't recall. The suggestions were more in general on
- 9 the RFP rather than specific.
- 10 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you recall any
- 11 conversations with Mr. McNeil or anyone about -- at
- 12 BDR about the nature of Mr. Bonwick's work for
- 13 PowerStream in respect of the RFP?
- 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Not in detail,
- 15 but John would have known -- Mr. McNeil would have
- 16 known that Paul Bonwick was assisting us and was going
- 17 to be providing input in reviewing the RFP.
- 18 MR. JOHN MATHER: The -- the fact that
- 19 Mr. McNeil suggests that he's perhaps not supposed to
- 20 see Paul's notes and indicates that with an
- 21 exclamation mark could lead to a suggestion that
- 22 perhaps there's something about the work Mr. Bonwick
- 23 was doing that was secretive.
- Is that how you took this email?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No. Mr. -- Mr.

- 1 McNeil has a -- has a funny sense of humour. He did
- 2 have a meeting with Mr. Bonwick later with my staff,
- 3 and I'm sure that anything that -- that Mr. Bonwick
- 4 had to give him on the RFP -- in fact there's one (1)
- 5 thing I'm sure you'll take me to soon -- that he did
- 6 provide information to Mr. McNeil that actually I
- 7 wasn't aware -- that he never actually provided to me
- 8 directly.
- 9 MR. JOHN MATHER: Are you referencing
- 10 the document that describes how KPMG valued Collus?
- 11 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think I'm
- 12 describing the fact that I think there's an email
- 13 where Mr. Bonwick, or Mr. McNeil kind of suggested Mr.
- 14 Bonwick was talking about how the recapitalization
- 15 should be portrayed, and that information was given by
- 16 Mr. Bonwick to Mr. McNeil. So, we did not restrict
- 17 Mr. Mc -- Mr. Bonwick from talking to Mr. Miller or --
- 18 or Mr. McNeil.
- 19 MR. JOHN MATHER: Could we pull up
- 20 paragraph 25 of Mr. Glicksman's affidavit?

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22 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 24 MR. JOHN MATHER: So, Mr. Glicksman,
- 25 paragraph 25 discusses the amended consulting

- 1 agreement that PowerStream entered with Mr. Bonwick on 2 November 9th, 2011, and I want to ask you a question 3 about a memorandum in relation to that retainer. So
  - 4 if we could pull up ALE565.

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6 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- MR. JOHN MATHER: So this is an email
- 9 from yourself to Mr. Bentz and Mr. Nolan, copying
- 10 others, and you write:
- "Brian: Attached are two (2) cover
- 12 pages that we can review at
- tomorrow's 10 a.m. meeting, and if
- 14 you're okay with them, I would
- 15 recommend that we send both of them
- to the A&FC by email Monday
- 17 afternoon."
- 18 And I want to look at one of the
- 19 attachments, which is ALE566.

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21 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. JOHN MATHER: So this is a
- 24 memorandum dated October 19th, 2011, recommending the
- 25 approval of an extended engagement of Mr. Bonwick.

- 1 Do you recall this memorandum?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I do.
- 3 MR. JOHN MATHER: I take it from the
- 4 cover email that you drafted the memorandum. Is that
- 5 fair?
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So likely
- 7 actually Mr. Miller would have helped me draft the
- 8 memorandum and that would have been drafted in
- 9 conjunction with -- with Mr. Nolan, and also would
- 10 have had input into it from Mr. Bentz.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Okay. So if we
- 12 scroll down the memorandum, there's a paragraph that
- 13 begins, "Since that time." Do you see that?
- 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes. Yes, I do,
- 15 sir.
- 16 MR. JOHN MATHER: And the reference to
- 17 "since that time" is since the initial retainer of Mr.
- 18 Bonwick. And it says:
- 19 "Since that time, Mr. Bonwick has
- 20 assisted PowerStream grow its
- 21 presence and profile in the central
- 22 Ontario region and has proven to be
- a valuable asset in providing
- 24 strategic and communication advice
- and in assisting us to be

- 1 successful, both respected -- with
- 2 respect to the Collus bid and other
- 3 utilities in the CHEC group."
- At this point in time, October 19th,
- 5 2011, did you agree that Mr. Bonwick had, to that
- 6 date, been a valuable asset to PowerStream?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I would say in
- 8 retrospect, at that time we felt that he had been
- 9 useful in suggestions on how to increase our profile
- 10 in the community.
- 11 MR. JOHN MATHER: And what suggestions
- 12 had he made that you found useful?
- 13 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Well, for
- 14 example, I think even -- even the meeting Brian -- Mr.
- 15 Bentz had on June 29th when they disclosed our -- Mr.
- 16 Bonwick's role. I mean, there was a meeting with --
- 17 with Mr. Muncaster and the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor,
- 18 so they knew that we -- we had an interest in an
- 19 upcoming RFP, that we had -- we had engaged Mr.
- 20 Bonwick.
- I think Deputy Mayor Lloyd in his
- 22 testimony said that Mr. Muncaster thought that that
- 23 could be useful in terms of we had somebody who
- 24 understood the community.
- I think Mr. Bonwick brought to us,

- 1 maybe through working with Mr. Houghton, the solar
- 2 attic vent thing, which provided us an opportunity to
- 3 participate in -- in it.
- In going through the Foundation notes
- 5 last night, again I saw that offers were made by Mr.
- 6 Houghton to both Veridian and Horizon. They didn't
- 7 necessarily take them up. But that opportunity of
- 8 solar attic vents also got other people like -- like
- 9 Wasaga and stuff.
- 10 So, given that an RFP was not in place,
- 11 he helped us take advantage of opportunities prior to
- 12 an RFP, where we could increase our profile in the
- 13 community. And so -- and so in that sense he -- and
- 14 then he reviewed the draft presentation that Mr. Bentz
- 15 gave September 19th.
- 16 So I thought he brought a -- a local
- 17 perspective, and I think he probably had -- well, he
- 18 had more to do, I think, with Brian -- Mr. Bentz, than
- 19 he did with myself. And I think Mr. Bentz also felt
- 20 at that time that his input in terms of how a
- 21 presentation, a potential RFP, could address the needs
- 22 of the community, would be -- were -- were
- 23 useful.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: With respect to the
- 25 June 29th meeting, I just want to make sure I

- 1 understand your answer.
- 2 So in addition to that meeting being
- 3 for the purposes of disclosure, it was also your
- 4 understanding that that meeting was an opportunity to
- 5 increase PowerStream's profile with respect to
- 6 Collingwood?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: It was also an
- 8 opportunity for Mr. Bentz to say that they -- that
- 9 PowerStream would be interested should an RFP happen.
- 10 MR. JOHN MATHER: So you've talked
- 11 about increasing the -- PowerStream's profile in the
- 12 community, talked about providing local feedback on
- 13 the strategic task team's presentation in September.
- 14 Was there anything else of value that
- 15 you understood Mr. Bonwick had provided at this point
- 16 in time?
- 17 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think he -- I
- 18 think he was either arranged at or participated in
- 19 some golf tournaments with Mr. Bentz, and I think
- 20 there was a mayors' golf tournament in Collingwood. I
- 21 think there were a couple of other things that he
- 22 brought to -- to Mr. Bentz' attention where Mr. Bentz
- 23 could participate in the community, and again increase
- 24 the profile in the community.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Could we go to

1 paragraph 469 of the Foundation Document?

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3 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 5 MR. JOHN MATHER: So, scrolling down.
- 6 So, paragraphs 469 and 470 describe an event where
- 7 Scott Stoll, of Aird & Berlis, sent PowerStream an a -
- 8 an atta -- a presentation that contained information
- 9 about the scoring of the RFP.
- 10 And if you scroll down to 470, we see
- 11 you forwarded the presentation to Mr. Bentz, noting
- 12 that it was received from Aird & Berlis, "When we,
- 13 like, shouldn't have." And it shows our ranking in
- 14 detail along with other interesting points.
- Do you recall receiving this
- 16 presentation?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I do.
- 18 MR. JOHN MATHER: What do you recall
- 19 about this?
- 20 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Well, the decis -
- 21 I -- I don't remember exactly the date, but in
- 22 December there had been a meeting where council had
- 23 selected PowerStream as a party and whom -- with whom
- 24 to negotiate with the legal agreements.
- 25 At that point on, we really worked in

- 1 partnership with Collus to put together -- to
- 2 negotiate the agreement and to put together the MAAD's
- 3 application.
- 4 Given Colin MacDonald's reputation in
- 5 the regulatory community and his reputation with the
- 6 OEB and knowledge on how to put together MAAD's
- 7 applications, we volunteered in order to reduce costs
- 8 for the MAAD application, to actually do the MAAD's
- 9 application, most of the work, on behalf of Aird &
- 10 Berlis and the Town.
- 11 And so, Colin was working with Scott
- 12 and asked Scott for the public information session
- 13 presentation that was given on the transaction because
- 14 that is supposed to be included in the MAAD's
- 15 application.
- 16 For whatever reason, Scott also --
- 17 maybe Scott did not have experience on a MAAD's
- 18 application. Scott sent the other presentation. I
- 19 don't -- don't know why, but Colin then sent it to me.
- 20 And then I sent it only to Brian and say we received
- 21 this in error.
- Now, I think Mr. Bentz last week in
- 23 testimony, he said that he thought he talked directly
- 24 to Colin, which would not have been unusual. I do not
- 25 know of Colin ever contacted Mr. -- Scott or not.

- I do know that I'm -- I'm over 90
- 2 percent sure that we never circulated any further in
- 3 our Corporation. No one could find in any metadata
- 4 any other emails other than the one (1) I sent to
- 5 Brian.
- So, I think we tried -- so maybe we
- 7 should have destroyed it, but we did not do anything
- 8 with it. There may have been some stuff in there that
- 9 actually Colin might have used in the MAAD's
- 10 application, you know, some words and some information
- 11 in there, but we likely didn't think we needed to have
- 12 especially all of it.
- 13 It could have been -- it could have
- 14 been redacted, some portions of it, but we really
- 15 didn't need to have an unredacted copy of that
- 16 presentation in order to do the MAAD's application.
- 17 MR. JOHN MATHER: So, I take it from
- 18 your answer that you didn't speak with anyone about --
- 19 at Aird & Berlis about this presentation and whether
- 20 it should have been disclosed to PowerStream?
- 21 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I did not speak
- 22 to anybody and Aird & Berlis. I may have spoken to
- 23 Mr. Nolan. I know I definitely spoke to Mr. Bentz as
- 24 per the email trail.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you have any

- 1 recollection or understanding if anything was done
- 2 with the information other than respect to the MAAD's
- 3 application that --
- 4 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I did see in the
- 5 Foundation Document there's an Excel file. I was
- 6 kidding my counsel that I don't know how to do Excel,
- 7 believe it or not, even though I'm -- my undergraduate
- 8 degree's in computer science and I'm an expert in
- 9 Fortran.
- 10 Now, I likely know Colin. And Colin
- 11 would likely have actually -- he might have prepared
- 12 that Excel file. Again, it was metadata. I don't
- 13 think I had a copy of it. Someone found it on the
- 14 computer when they did the search.
- 15 I'm just thinking Colin might have just
- 16 prepared the Excel file. Again, I don't know that he
- 17 did anything with it. I don't have a copy of it in
- 18 my emails or see -- saw any emails in the Foundation
- 19 Document that had that sent to anybody.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: So, if we could pull
- 21 up ALE1490.
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- 23 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. JOHN MATHER: So, you were

- 1 describing an Excel file in your last answer. Is this
- 2 the Excel you're referring to?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I am. And
- 4 that file seems to be identical to the information in
- 5 the presentation. I think it has multiples on it.
- 6 That would be the only additions to it.
- 7 MR. JOHN MATHER: And I take it from
- 8 your answer you're not -- you don't know how this
- 9 Excel file was generated?
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I do not.
- 11 MR. JOHN MATHER: You don't know
- 12 specifically who generated?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I do not.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Okay.

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16 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 18 MR. JOHN MATHER: Mr. Glicksman, do
- 19 you recall the issue of -- or sorry, let me put it
- 20 this way.
- 21 Do you recall a request from Mr.
- 22 Houghton about whether or not PowerStream would agree
- 23 to set a minimum for the recapitalization dividend?
- 24 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I do.
- 25 MR. JOHN MATHER: And it's our

- 1 understanding that in response to that request,
- 2 PowerStream said that they wouldn't be in a position
- 3 to agree to a minimum recapitalization dividend. Is
- 4 that fair?
- 5 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Ye -- yes, I --
- 6 yes, that is. I think Mr. Houghton was trying to make
- 7 sure -- and he was a strong negotiator through that
- 8 process. He came back to us a number of times through
- 9 him and Mr. Rockx to see if there is a way to
- 10 guarantee the dollars that would be resulting from the
- 11 transaction.
- 12 What we did is we tried -- we had
- 13 gotten approval from our Board and our shareholders to
- 14 make an offer. And Mr. Bentz had gone to the limit of
- 15 our offer, \$8 million. We didn't see an ability to
- 16 really be negotiating beyond that, or have authority
- 17 to.
- 18 What we did do was we went back to
- 19 other transactions that we did with Barrie on the
- 20 merger and on Aurora on the purchase and we tried to
- 21 make sure that every schedule that was done on
- 22 recapitalization and working capital was consistent
- 23 with it so I could assure our Board that we weren't
- 24 treating this transaction differently than we had
- 25 treated the other transactions.

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MR. JOHN MATHER: Did the fact that
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   PowerStream had information about what the other
   bidders had put forward as a financial bid play into
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   the discussions about whether or not to agree to a
   minimum recapitalization dividend or how it approached
   the discussions about the recapitalization dividend?
                  MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN:
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                                         No. Mr. Bentz
   had already gone to the maximum that we had authority
   to go to.
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                  MR. JOHN MATHER: Can we open that
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   ALE1643?
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                  MR. JOHN MATHER: So, this is an email
   from Mr. McNeil at BDR to yourself and Mr. Miller on
   January 23rd, 2012. And we know from the Foundation
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   Document that this is when the council approves
   proceeding with the transaction in a -- in a public
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   meeting.
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                  Mr. McNeil attaches to his email a copy
22 of the staff report that had been prepared for Town
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   council. And he writes:
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                      "I understand and I'm sure that you
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                      are aware that the following staff
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1 report will be submitted tonight.
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- 2 It is -- it is drafted such that it
- 3 "sounds like" PS is paying 15
- 4 million for 50 percent of the
- 5 shares!"
- Then he says:
- 7 "Who is attending this session on
- 8 behalf of PS? Well done!"
- 9 Do you recall receiving this email?
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I do. And,
- 11 again, that's Mr. McNeil's sense of humour. And I
- 12 went through with my council prior to going on the
- 13 stand yesterday a number of emails that went back and
- 14 forth between Mr. Fagen and Mr. Houghton on the press
- 15 release.
- 16 And then the press release -- the final
- 17 version of the press release made it clear that it was
- 18 approximately 14 to 15 million, and it was a result of
- 19 three (3) factors.
- So, I had no input into the staff
- 21 report. But on the press release that was issued by
- 22 each of the -- Collus and by PowerStream made it very
- 23 clear that the range was 14 to 15 and it was a result
- 24 of three (3) factors, the recapitalization, the
- 25 purchase of the shares, and the paying back of the

- 1 debt.
- So, I -- no -- we had no input into the
- 3 staff report.
- 4 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you have any
- 5 understanding why Mr. McNeil put "sounds like" in
- 6 quotation marks?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think because
- 8 he said that -- well, I don't have the -- you'd have
- 9 to open up the staff report to see exactly where he --
- 10 where he said it, so I -- I'd have to look at the
- 11 staff report. And that's the way he read it.
- 12 And I haven't looked at the staff
- 13 report in a while, so I'd have to go back and look.
- 14 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 15 don't think -- I don't think we need to go there.
- 16 We're --
- 17 MR. JOHN MATHER: I was not intending
- 18 on doing that.
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- 20 CONTINUED BY MR. JOHN MATHER:
- 21 MR. JOHN MATHER: Do you recall
- 22 whether you or anyone at PowerStream ever discussed
- 23 whether or not -- how the -- how the purchase price
- 24 that was being offered was being communicated to
- 25 council and whether that was being communicated

- 1 clearly?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, we never did.
- 3 We just went through with Mr. -- we had a number of
- 4 conversations with Mr. Rockx in terms of the
- 5 recapitalization to make it exactly clear how we were
- 6 doing it.
- 7 We had -- we did have the discussions
- 8 after the discussion Mr. Bonwick had with Mr. McNeil
- 9 about how we should portray it. And we did not feel
- 10 that -- we felt it was very transparent to portray it
- 11 the way we -- we had done it.
- 12 That's the way she we had shown our
- 13 Board. That's the way she had shown our shareholders.
- 14 And that was the way we'd done every transaction since
- 15 I had joined Hydro Vaughan, where the recapitalization
- 16 was done before, and so we did not move off that.
- 17 We knew other competitors before the
- 18 RFP might do a different methodology. We just always
- 19 stuck to the way we had -- we had done it.
- 20 MR. JOHN MATHER: At this point in
- 21 time, I -- I understand that PowerStream was aware
- 22 that it's possible the recapitalization dividend might
- 23 be less than the 5.3 million that had been
- 24 anticipated.
- 25 Was that something that was discussed

- 1 within PowerStream in terms of what was being
- 2 disclosed publically about the purchase price?
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Not only cor --
- 4 the wor -- the recapitalization could be different,
- 5 and so could the working capital adjustment be
- 6 different.
- 7 And -- and, you know, it's kind of a
- 8 scary game because in Aurora, one (1) of the things
- 9 the Town did there was they underspent capital between
- 10 clo -- between the time we did the deal and the time
- 11 we closed the transaction.
- So, actually, we felt burnt a bit by
- 13 that because they made sure that they had enough
- 14 working capital so that -- and they had underspent
- 15 capital. So, you were hoping that people who you're
- 16 dealing with are -- continue to operate.
- 17 There's a risk on both sides. You
- 18 could have cold -- you have a warmer winter. And I
- 19 think that's why Mr. Houghton was concerned. He
- 20 wanted to continue to operate the Company as he -- you
- 21 know, in a proper way, but, you know, there's no
- 22 guaran -- you don't -- you just don't know how that's
- 23 going to turn around, and it -- so there's a risk in
- 24 terms of the recapitalization and the working capital
- 25 on both sides.

- 1 MR. JOHN MATHER: The last area that I
- 2 want to ask you about is with respect to the decision
- 3 to move Mr. Bonwick from working for PowerStream
- 4 directly to Collus PowerStream.
- 5 What is your recollection of why that
- 6 transfer was made?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So, as -- as you
- 8 can see from some of the material you gave to us, that
- 9 the extension in Mr. Bonwick's agreement went to our
- 10 audit and finance and went to our Board. I would say
- 11 that it was not a unanimous agreement at the Board
- 12 that we should extend the agreement.
- One (1) of the things that was agreed
- 14 to on the Board, that should the Collus PowerStream
- 15 trans -- should the transaction be completed. Most of
- 16 the work going forward was going to be on growing
- 17 Collus PowerStream rather than helping PowerStream.
- 18 So, the suggestion from the Board
- 19 members was, well, if the work that Mr. Bonwick was
- 20 doing was helping Collus PowerStream grow with the
- 21 CHEC community, then why isn't this engagement
- 22 approved by the Collus PowerStream Board, why is it
- 23 staying with PowerStream.
- 24 So, I was -- I was re -- I was taking
- 25 that and trying to move that forward. Now, Mr. -- I

- 1 don't think Mr. Houghton had a concern about that in
- 2 the short-term. And he thought I was pushing it
- 3 probably earlier than I should have because I -- I
- 4 think I may even had done that before the transaction
- 5 had closed because Mr. Bonwick and Mr. Houghton
- 6 already working with us on the strategy for Collus
- 7 PowerStream would come to meetings, and how do we
- 8 actually -- and, you know, they had meetings with
- 9 people at Midland or Wasaga.
- 10 And I think Mr. Houghton was concerned
- 11 that, hey, wait a sec, we got to constitute the Board
- 12 of Collus PowerStream first and this shouldn't be the
- 13 first thing to come to the first meeting.
- 14 So, him and Brian negotiated exactly
- 15 when that would move from PowerStream to Collus
- 16 PowerStream. And then it would subject to the Collus
- 17 PowerStream approving that engagement, and they would
- 18 end up having to pay for that engagement going
- 19 forward.
- 20 MR. JOHN MATHER: Was it your
- 21 understanding that the direction from the audit and
- 22 finance committee when Mr. Bonwick's retainer was
- 23 extended was that, if the Collus transaction is
- 24 complete, at that point Mr. Bonwick should be
- 25 transferred to Collus PowerStream?

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MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN:
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   wasn't the audit and finance committee. I think all
   the audit fina -- people on the audit and finance
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   committee approved that engagement. It was at the
   Board meeting that the discussion was had. And some
   of the Board members were encouraging.
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                  So, they were saying, Okay, we
   understand. But we'd say, In the longer term, that
   should move over. And two (2) of the Board members
   actually went on to the Collus PowerStream. I think
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   Mr. Horchik and Mr. Lehman went on to the Collus
   PowerStream Board along with Mr. Bentz. And they were
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   saying, We would be taking that over.
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                  And they -- they agreed that the
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- 15 transaction should go. They didn't say that it should
- 16 be terminated. They were just saying that should be
- 17 moved over there, but subject, of course, to approval
- 18 by that -- by that Board.
- MR. JOHN MATHER: Those are my
- 20 questions.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 22 you.
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- 24 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. RYAN BREEDON:
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Mr. Glicksman, I
- 3 think you know my name is Ryan Breedon. I am counsel
- 4 for the Town.
- 5 Can we look at ALE1072, please.

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7 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 9 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Scroll down to the
- 10 first email in the chain. Yeah. So up a little bit.
- 11 Keep going up. And up a little bit more, please.
- 12 Okay. Stop there.
- 13 So this was an email from Mr. Rockx to
- 14 yourself sent November the 27th, 2011, and it sets out
- 15 his questions regarding PowerStream's bid. Correct?
- 16 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Scroll down. I
- 17 just want to see the questions.

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19 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: M-hm.
- 22 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Just
- 23 "yes" or "no."
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.

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- 1 CONTINUED BY MR. RYAN BREEDON:
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And you
- 3 recall this exchange, I take it.
- 4 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: To the best that
- 5 I can -- I can recall through by looking at the
- 6 emails.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Fine. The first
- 8 question that Mr. Rockx was asking was whether
- 9 PowerStream's offer included all of the long-term
- 10 liabilities without adjustments. Correct?
- 11 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- 12 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And so for
- 13 instance, one of the things he was concerned about was
- 14 the long-term net regulatory liability?
- 15 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And
- 17 that was about \$1.4 million?
- 18 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I can't say if
- 19 that's correct or not.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Can we look
- 21 at KPM1851.
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- 23 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And our operator's

- 1 going to want to keep both of these documents handy
- 2 'cause we may have to do some flipping back and forth.
- 3 Scroll down to the second page of the
- 4 balance sheet which sets out the liabilities of the
- 5 corporation. And sorry, these are the 2010 audited
- 6 financial statements, sir.
- 7 You'll see under "other," there is a
- 8 2010 liability of \$1,411,987. You see that?
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes. Yes, I do.
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And can we
- 11 scroll down to note 4, please.

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13 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- And you'll see this sets out the
- 16 calculation of that, and it is the net regulatory
- 17 liability.
- 18 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I do.
- 19 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. So when
- 20 Mr. Rockx is asking about whether the net regulatory
- 21 liability is included, he's referring to this
- 22 \$1.4 million.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay.
- 25 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Could we switch

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1 back to that email trail, please?
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MR. RYAN BREEDON: Yes, please.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 6 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And again, you've
- 7 got to go back to Mr. Rockx's email towards the
- 8 bottom.
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: And could we move
- 10 up slowly so I can just read the rest of the email
- 11 before I give you my full answer?
- 12 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: When
- 13 you said "up," you meant --
- 14 MR. RYAN BREEDON: You meant down.
- 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- you
- 16 meant --
- 17 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 18 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- you
- 19 meant -- you. No, it's up but...
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I meant to
- 21 see my reply, Sir, on that.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Oh.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think they're
- 24 further up. Okay. So then Mr. Rockx -- I suggest a
- 25 con -- and you move up a bit further, sir. "9:30 is

- 1 fine." "I will call you." And move up a bit further.
- 2 And John further attaches a pro forma, calculations,
- 3 working capital rate pace. As you can see there...
- 4 Further up. Spoke to Brian Bentz. Further up.

- 6 CONTINUED BY MR. RYAN BREEDON:
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: That's it.
- 8 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Okay. So
- 9 yesterday, again preparing for my evidence, I went --
- 10 I went through the valuation document that Mr. McNeil
- 11 had done. So what we would do when we'd get a
- 12 question like this is I would caucus --
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: So, sir, just
- 14 before you --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: M-hm.
- 16 MR. RYAN BREEDON: I haven't asked you
- 17 about any of that yet, and I only want you to answer
- 18 my questions --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 20 MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- or we are going
- 21 to be here for four (4) days. Okay?
- 22 So my question was just that the --
- 23 Mr. Rockx was asking whether the net regulatory
- 24 liability was included in PowerStream's bid or whether
- 25 there would be some adjustment. Correct? That was

- 1 what his question was.
- 2 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And the answer to
- 4 that question was that it was included that there
- 5 would be no adjustment for the net regulatory
- 6 liability.
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- 8 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Now, go back
- 9 down to Mr. Rockx's original email, please.

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11 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Now, you'll
- 14 see under number 2, his second question was asking you
- 15 to quantify the working capital adjustment. Yes?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And then your email
- 18 that you looked at a moment ago -- the one that is
- 19 sent at 9:52, so we've now got to scroll up in the
- 20 chain. Keep going. Keep going.
- 21 This email here sets out your answer to
- 22 that second question.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: This is the
- 25 calculation of the working capital adjustment.

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Now, this is
- 3 important, but it is also very, very complicated. So
- 4 we're going to go through it one stage at a time. All
- 5 right?
- 6 The first step which we see starting
- 7 right at the very top of this email is the calculation
- 8 of the rate base, and you start by first determining
- 9 the net fixed asset. So that's where it says "2010
- 10 average fixed assets," and you've taken the average of
- 11 the last two (2) years. You see that?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I see that in the
- 13 email.
- 14 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And then you add to
- 15 that a working capital allocation which is 15 percent
- 16 of the cost of power plus 15 percent of the OM&A
- 17 operations, maintenance, and administration expense.
- 18 Correct?
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And that --
- 21 that 15 percent of cost of power and OM&A is what the
- 22 OEB has set as sort of the deemed working capital for
- 23 an LDC.
- 24 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: At that time and
- 25 also consistent with the submission that Collus would

- 1 have made in their -- likely -- likely made in their
- 2 rate submission.
- 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: The OEB when it
- 4 sets out how utilities are to set rates and all the
- 5 rest of it has stipulated what it considers to be an
- 6 appropriate working capital?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Not -- no, that
- 8 it not correct.
- 9 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. The OEB has
- 10 set out a formula that sets out the appropriate deemed
- 11 working capital?
- 12 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, that is not
- 13 correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay.
- 15 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: The OEB now
- 16 requires utilities to put forward a study identifying
- 17 what the working capital is.
- 18 And I think it's now gone -- and if you
- 19 don't put down that study I think -- now, I haven't
- 20 followed this for the last two (2) years 'cause I've
- 21 been, you know, mostly retired.
- But the last time I looked, it was more
- 23 like 7 and a half percent versus 15 percent. It
- 24 doesn't give you the return anymore. At 15 percent,
- 25 it requires a study on working capital to justify now.

- 1 You can't just put in a number any longer.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. We're
- 3 interested in what was the practice in 2011, not the
- 4 practice today. And in 2011, the OEB set out this
- 5 formula for determining the deemed working capital.
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- 7 And determining the rate base.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: We're not there
- 9 yet. We're just talking about the working capital.
- 10 Okay?
- 11 So the deemed working capital as set by
- 12 the OEB was 15 percent of the cost of power and the
- 13 OM&A.
- 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And
- 16 that's the number that you set out in the next line
- 17 which is 2010 working capital allocation based on cost
- 18 of power plus 15 percent of OM&A, and that's the
- 19 \$4.5 million figure.
- 20 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: M-hm. That's
- 21 correct.
- 22 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. The
- 23 rate base is the sum of those two (2) things, the net
- 24 fixed assets plus this deemed working capital.
- 25 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.

- 1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And that's your
- 2 next line, the \$16,882,000 figure.
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. So that was
- 5 how you were calculating the rate base of Collus based
- 6 on the 2010 financial statements.
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes. So we
- 8 showed John the way we did the calculation in our bid,
- 9 and he could decide how he would then interpolate
- 10 that. But we gave me our estimate.
- Now, as we negotiated the agreement,
- 12 there was a schedule in the legal agreement showing
- 13 exactly how the working capital adjustment and stuff
- 14 should be done at -- at closing --
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay.
- 16 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- which might be
- 17 somewhat different or whatever than it -- than this
- 18 numbers.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Did I ask you about
- 20 the schedule?
- 21 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, you did not,
- 22 sir.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. So we're
- 24 talking about your email.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.

1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: I just want you to

- 2 answer my questions. Do you understand?
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, sir.

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5 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: The deemed debt is
- 8 the next line. That's the -- and you've calculated
- 9 that as \$10,129,210. You see that?
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, sir.
- 11 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And that is the
- 12 amount of debt required to achieve the 60/40 capital
- 13 structure that we've heard a fair bit about.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, sir.
- 15 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And the actual
- 16 debt -- the \$4.6 million figure -- was the actual
- 17 long-term debt that the corporation had at the time.
- 18 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: At the time of
- 19 those financial statements.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And
- 21 it's actually -- in case somebody's looking at the
- 22 financial statements and trying to figure this out --
- 23 it's the long-term debt plus also the current amount
- 24 of the long-term debt for that year. Correct?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Likely yes.

- 1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And so
- 2 the difference between the deemed debt and the actual
- 3 debt was the amount of money that was possible for the
- 4 corporation to borrow.
- 5 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: That
- 6 was actually a question. So do you agree with that or
- 7 not?
- 8 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes. Yes, I do.

- 10 CONTINUED BY MR. RYAN BREEDON:
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And when we're
- 12 talking about the recapitalization dividend, the idea
- 13 was that the proration would borrow that money and
- 14 then pay it out as a dividend.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And that's how you
- 17 guys come up with the \$5.5 million figure. It's the
- 18 difference between these deemed debt and this actual
- 19 debt figure.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is the way
- 21 we came up with it.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. Okay. Now,
- 23 I think you'll agree with me that this was something
- 24 the Town could have done regardless. It could have
- 25 directed Collus to borrow the money and issue a

- 1 dividend?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I do not.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Well, you're
- 4 not suggesting the Town needed a strategic partner in
- 5 order to recapitalize the utility?
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I'm suggesting
- 7 that my -- my experience in the utility industry,
- 8 including even on the merger with Barrie Hydro, that
- 9 Barrie Hydro was not willing to move to 60/40 debt
- 10 ratio because they felt they were too small, and they
- 11 were not willing to -- to move to that. They were --
- 12 did not feel that unless they were part of a larger
- 13 utility that they could move to 60/40 debt ratio.
- 14 My experience with the Hydro Vaughan
- 15 and Markham Hydro were not willing to move to 60/40
- 16 debt ratios. And that there's a lot of other small
- 17 utilities in the province that I would bet even today
- 18 are not at a 60/40 debt ratio 'cause they don't feel
- 19 they're big enough, and their banks would not allow
- 20 them to take out an equivalent mortgage of being at
- 21 that much debt.
- 22 So I would suggest that Collus on its
- 23 own would likely have had trouble getting financing on
- 24 its own without a strategic partner or -- and the
- 25 Board may not have felt appropriate to -- they could

- 1 have gone up maybe to -- they have increased from
- 2 where they were by going all the way up to 60/40.
- 3 They may not have felt it was prudent to do.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: So set aside
- 5 whether they felt it was prudent.
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: They may not have
- 7 been able to do it.
- 8 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. And you're
- 9 saying that they may not have been able to do that
- 10 because the banks or other financers might not have
- 11 lent them the money. Is that what your evidence is?
- 12 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 13 And their Board may not have felt it was prudent to do
- 14 it, and the Board on its own would be making that
- 15 decision.
- 16 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. So again, I
- 17 want you set aside whether they might have decided to
- 18 do it, whether they felt it was appropriate. That's a
- 19 separate question.
- 20 Start with just on a principle basis,
- 21 assuming that Collus was able to find a lender, it
- 22 was -- or the Town was able to find a lender, it was
- 23 open to the Town to recapitalize.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay.

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 2 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And they may or may
- 3 not have decided to do it, but it was something that
- 4 would be open to them to do.
- 5 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- 6 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And you
- 7 don't know whether it was or was not possible for the
- 8 Town of Collingwood or Collus to obtain a lender.
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I do know in
- 10 discussion with Cindy Shuttleworth that she was even
- 11 concerned about doing this prior to closing, and she
- 12 had trouble getting a lender to do it. And that we
- 13 had discussions about what we could do to assist her
- 14 in that regard.
- 15 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Now, the actual --
- 16 I want to now talk about the shortfall in working
- 17 capital. So the actual working capital of the
- 18 corporation was the current assets less the current
- 19 liabilities. Correct?
- 20 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: It's going to
- 21 sound funny to you. I'm going to take your -- your
- 22 definition. I am -- you know, I'm not going to -- I
- 23 don't have -- I haven't worked on this in a while, but
- 24 I'm assuming exactly how we do the working capital,
- 25 there's a schedule that explains exactly how to work

- 1 capital adjustments.
- So, on a simplistic basis, what you're
- 3 saying is correct.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Well, we can work
- 5 through the math if you want.
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I don't -- I
- 7 don't want -- so, we've done the calcula -- we have a
- 8 schedule showing how we do the working capital, and
- 9 then how we actually would compare the shortfall.
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. Well,
- 11 why don't we look back at the financial statements,
- 12 please? And look at the balance sheet setting out the
- 13 assets of the Corporation. Okay.
- 14 So, you'll see, for 2010, the current
- 15 assets were \$11.4 million?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Do you see that?
- 18 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I do. M-hm.
- 19 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And if you
- 20 look over at the next page which sets out the
- 21 liabilities, the current liabilities are listed as
- 22 being \$8 million. Do you see that?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 24 MR. RYAN BREEDON: So, I'm not a
- 25 mathematician, but it looks like the -- the difference

- 1 between those two (2) is a positive of about \$3.4
- 2 million, correct?
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: M-hm.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Yes?
- 5 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 6 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And go back
- 7 to Mr. -- to the email, please.

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9 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And the actual debt
- 12 -- pardon me, the -- the deemed working capital
- 13 allocation which we've looked at a moment ago is \$4.5
- 14 million, yes?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, that's
- 16 correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And so, you've
- 18 recorded a shortfall in working capital of \$1.1
- 19 million. And I'm suggesting to you that it's just the
- 20 difference between that deemed number and the actual
- 21 working capital that we looked at?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That seems to be
- 23 how that no -- those numbers fall out.
- 24 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And the idea
- 25 is that this number, or some number because this will

- 1 adjusted up -- up to closing, would be deducted from
- 2 the recapitalization dividend?
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Depend -- if
- 4 there's -- if there is a shortfall.
- 5 MR. RYAN BREEDON: If there is a
- 6 shortfall, it's going to be taken out of the
- 7 recapitalization dividend when that's issued, correct?
- 8 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Going to be taken
- 9 out of the funds in the -- on the transaction at
- 10 closing.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Out of the money
- 12 that's being borrowed?
- 13 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Exactly how them
- 14 -- how all those numbers come together.

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16 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And so, just in
- 19 very simple terms, if the -- the total amount that is
- 20 borrowed as part of this arrangement is the \$5.5
- 21 million we looked at a moment ago, 1.1 of that is
- 22 going to be allocated to cover off this working
- 23 capital shortfall, and then the balance would be
- 24 issued as a dividend to the shareholder?
- 25 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, if there is

- 1 a working shortfall at closing.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Now, can we
- 3 scroll up to the top? You then sent a second email to
- 4 Mr. Rockx later on that morning.
- 5 And the -- the purpose of this, I
- 6 think, is to explain PowerStream's methodology in
- 7 dealing with the recapitalization dividend?
- 8 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes --
- 9 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay.
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- since he had
- 11 raised it with us.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. And you --
- 13 you touched on this earlier. The -- the idea is that
- 14 either the recapitalization dividend can be declared
- 15 before closing, in which case, all of the funds would
- 16 flow to the Town, which is the way that PowerStream
- 17 ultimately structured its bid, correct?
- 18 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 19 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Or the
- 20 alternative was that the recapitalization dividend
- 21 could be issued after closing, in which case, it would
- 22 be divided between the Town and whoever the successful
- 23 bidder was --
- 24 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: -- the new

- 1 shareholders? And in that scenario, it would make
- 2 sense for the -- the bidder to include its portion of
- 3 the recapitalization dividend in the price?
- 4 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 5 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And so, you know,
- 6 because then it makes the price look higher and more
- 7 attractive, but -- but that's essentially what your
- 8 point is, correct?
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And -- and I
- 11 think you've testified that -- that PowerStream and
- 12 you, in particular, considered it more transparent to
- 13 go with the first option?
- 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct. Now --
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Yeah.
- 16 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- in this case,
- 17 too, there would still be a working capital
- 18 adjustment. Even if the -- even if the
- 19 recapitalization's done afterward, there still is a
- 20 working capital adjustment at closing.
- 21 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And
- 22 that's what I was going to ask you about. So, in the
- 23 -- in the scenario number 1, the way that PowerStream
- 24 had bid it, that working capital adjustment comes
- 25 completely from the dividend that's being paid to the

- 1 Town because it's made -- the dividend is issued prior
- 2 to closing, correct?
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: So, if it's \$1.1
- 5 million, it's -- essentially, the Town is paying the
- 6 \$1.1 million?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 8 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. If the
- 9 recapitalization dividend is issued after closing and
- 10 is now split between the two (2) shareholders,
- 11 similarly, the working capital adjustment would be
- 12 split between the two (2) shareholders?
- 13 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is not
- 14 correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. Well,
- 16 why is that not correct?
- 17 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Because at
- 18 closing we would have wanted the utility to have the
- 19 same amount of working capital. That would have been
- 20 one (1) of the adjustments we would have had. We
- 21 would have said, hey, you're short on working capital,
- 22 regardless of whether it was before or afterward.
- And I'm assuming that KPMG who are an
- 24 expert would -- would build that into their analysis.
- 25 I'm just telling you what we would have done in

- 1 negotiating it. And that could have been a point of
- 2 contention, but I wouldn't have wanted that utility to
- 3 have that working capital at closing.
- 4 No different if I bought a hundred
- 5 percent or 50 percent. I'm expecting to have a
- 6 utility that has a certain level of working capital.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Set aside
- 8 how it might have been negotiated down the road, just
- 9 in a very simple level, if -- if the dividend is being
- 10 paid after closing and there is a working capital
- 11 adjustment to the dividend, it would be split between
- 12 the two (2) shareholders?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, that's not
- 14 correct because at closing we would not close. It
- 15 would have been a purchase price adjustment at
- 16 closing. If the utility at closing -- there's always
- 17 post-closing adjustments.
- 18 If the utility at closing either had
- 19 excess working capital or had deficient working
- 20 capital, there would either have been an additional
- 21 payment by PowerStream to the Town or that amount of
- 22 money would have been reduced from the price we would
- 23 have paid.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right.
- 25 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: It wouldn't have

- 1 been part of the debt capitalization, but it would
- 2 reduce the \$8 million by 1.1 million or we would have
- 3 given extra money to the Town should they have had
- 4 excess working capital.
- 5 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. Now,
- 6 obviously, that didn't form part of PowerStream's bid
- 7 because you didn't structure the transaction in that
- 8 way, so you didn't have to deal with it as -- as part
- 9 of your bid, correct?
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: We structured the
- 11 transaction with the recapitalization adjustment at
- 12 closing and the working capital adjustment at closing.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. And -- and
- 14 have you looked at the other bids?
- 15 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I have not.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. So, you
- 17 don't know whether any of the other bidders proposed
- 18 an adjustment of the sort that you are describing?
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I have -- no,
- 20 I have not looked, so I don't know. I would assume
- 21 that KPMG, given that we explained exactly how we
- 22 would do it, in comparing the bids, that would have
- 23 been John Rockx's responsibility to put them all on an
- 24 apples-to-apples basis.
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57 1 (BRIEF PAUSE) 2 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Did you watch the -- or read the evidence of the panel that was here last 5 week? 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I did not. 7 (BRIEF PAUSE) 9 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Now, I think you've 11 mentioned a few times that all of these numbers were subject to adjustment at closing? 13 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I do. 14 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. 15 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I did. 16 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And I think at the time of this exchange you were projecting that there 17 18 would be a slightly higher amount of new debt available and that it would be offset by a slightly lower shortage of working capital. You see that if we scroll down to the 21 email below this one. Keep going. You'll see it 22 23 says: 24 "As you can see from the attached, 2.5 our estimates for 2011 are that

- 1 there could be some additional debt
- of 5.9 million offset by a short of
- just shy of seven hundred thousand
- dollars (\$700,000)."
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That would be
- 7 based on a forecast, yes.
- 8 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. That was
- 9 based on your forecast at the time, what you expected
- 10 the 2011 numbers would be?
- 11 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think that was
- 12 based on what the numbers were that Mr. McNeil put
- 13 into his model to do the valuation.
- 14 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And -- and
- 15 the point is just that this was going to continue to
- 16 be adjusted right up until closing?
- 17 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- 18 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right.
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Post-closing
- 20 because at closing you don't have the financial
- 21 statements. So, you have to have audit statements at
- 22 closing, and so it's a post-closing adjustment.
- 23 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. And, in
- 24 fact, there were two (2) adjustments at -- at the --
- 25 after this transaction closed, sort of there was one

- 1 (1) dividend declared at the time of the closing, and
- 2 then a further dividend declared after the -- after
- 3 the financials were finalized up -- up until the date
- 4 of closing, correct?
- 5 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I'll take that.
- 6 I don't remember that detail.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And there
- 8 was an actual working capital adjustment that was
- 9 made?
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I'm sure there
- 11 was.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And can we look at
- 13 ALE3030, please?
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- 15 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And scroll down.
- 18 This -- this appears to be a calculation of the
- 19 recapitalization dividend. And what we need to do...
- 20 Sorry, ca -- can you put it into the actual Excel
- 21 spreadsheet?
- 22
- 23 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Oh, thank you. All

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                  MR. RYAN BREEDON: Just scroll down a
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   little bit, please.
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                  MR. RYAN BREEDON: Sorry, up. Up.
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   There -- there we are. Well, back down. There. So,
   you'll see that there is -- I believe it may be Mr.
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   Rockx who ultimately prepared this; we'll find out.
   But under, "Shortfall in NWC," do you see that?
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   on the, 'I' -- it looks like about 51 or 52.
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                  MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I see that.
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                  MR. RYAN BREEDON:
                                      Okay. And that
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  would be the shortfall in net working capital?
                  MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I haven't seen
19
   this spreadsheet before. There were some other
21
   numbers in there that were -- that didn't make any
22
   sense to me. I saw a debt of sixty-two (62) and
23 equity of thirty-seven (37).
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                  So, I -- I can't -- I -- I can tell you
25 I see the numbers in the spreadsheet. I didn't
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- 1 prepare the spreadsheet, so I can't comment on -- that
- 2 the numbers 2 million as compared to 1.1. I have no
- 3 basis of -- to comment on it.
- 4 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. That's fine.
- 5 We can ask whoever prepared it. But -- but it -- but
- 6 it appears that this is saying that the -- the
- 7 shortfall in net working capital is \$2.2 million.
- 8 And do you recall?
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I do not.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay.
- 11 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: All I know is
- 12 that we had a detailed schedule in the -- in the legal
- 13 agreements showing exactly how that -- those numbers
- 14 would be calculated and that using audited statements
- 15 between ourselves and the utility, there was a
- 16 schedule put through that was reviewed with the Town,
- 17 reviewed with KPMG and everybody and that those
- 18 numbers fell out the way the numbers fell out.
- 19 And I don't recall what the numbers
- 20 were, but they would have been calculated exactly as
- 21 per the legal agreement in the schedule.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Now, there was, I
- 23 think you'll recall, a reduction in the net regulatory
- 24 liabilities between the 2010 financial statements and
- 25 closing?

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I don't recall,
- 2 but that would not be unusual.
- 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And if we
- 4 look at ALE4330, please.

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6 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 8 MR. RYAN BREEDON: So, this -- these
- 9 are the 2011 financial statements. And could we look
- 10 at the liabilities page on the balance sheet?

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 14 MR. RYAN BREEDON: You'll see the net
- 15 -- the other liabilities, which I believe is the same
- 16 net regulatory liabilities we looked at for the
- 17 previous year, have dropped from \$1.4 million to three
- 18 hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars (\$332,000)?
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: It looks --
- 20 that's what it appears like based on this --
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right.
- 22 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- look --
- 23 looking at the note in detail.
- 24 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And the -- was
- 25 there an adjustment to the purchase price for that

- 1 change?
- 2 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I'm not aware if
- 3 there was an adjustment for that change, and I'm not
- 4 aware if that was built into the legal agreement or
- 5 not.
- 6 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. But
- 7 what it would mean -- assuming that we're reading it
- 8 right, it means that the total liabilities of the
- 9 corporation had been reduced by just over a
- 10 million dollars?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So regulatory
- 12 liabilities can go up and down, and it would have been
- 13 up to us to determine when we're negotiating the
- 14 agreement whether or not the price would be adjusted
- 15 for any increase or any decrease.
- 16 And I don't recollect if there was
- 17 anything like that that was put into the agreement. I
- 18 don't think so.
- 19 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Thank you.
- 20 Now, can we look at KPM --
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 22 just before we leave that, it would be a matter of
- 23 negotiation --
- 24 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 25 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --

- 1 because the Town's position would be that there's
- 2 \$1.1 million less and that that should be reflected in
- 3 a --
- 4 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 5 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- in
- 6 a transaction. And your -- PowerStream's position
- 7 would be whatever it is -- would be -- and that would
- 8 be a matter that would be negotiated, assuming the
- 9 Town knew about it.
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct. So when
- 11 previous -- Your Honour, previously we looked at the
- 12 questions between John Rockx and myself, and he asked
- 13 if we'd included the regulatory liabilities in our
- 14 price, or there was going to be an adjustment.
- So it would have been up to the Town
- 16 and the utility to decide at that time. Okay. So
- 17 if -- so do we want to take a risk on that regulatory
- 18 liability and have a schedule for adjusting that?
- 19 Because it could go up; it could go down.
- 20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Just
- 21 like the --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Working capital.
- 23 So on working capital, it was agreed we would adjust
- 24 for it. That was negotiated. On regulatory
- 25 liabilities, if we didn't negotiate it and the Town

- 1 didn't negotiate it, then we're both at risk on it.
- 2 And this -- based on just looking
- 3 through numbers while recollecting all that went on, I
- 4 don't remember -- I don't recollect this being raised
- 5 by anybody. I don't have any recollection of
- 6 regulatory liabilities being -- but if that was
- 7 raised -- so the Town could have said at the time of
- 8 negotiating an agreement, okay, you've assumed
- 9 1.4 million. If that 1.4 million goes down, we want
- 10 to get a price adjustment. And if that 1.4 million
- 11 goes up, we'll give you an adjustment.
- 12 Obviously, if -- if you're saying from
- 13 looking at it now in retrospect, there was no
- 14 adjustment, then that wasn't built into the agreement.
- 15 And so I guess the Town was willing to take the risk
- 16 that it might go up rather than go down.

- 18 CONTINUED BY MR. RYAN BREEDON:
- 19 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. Would
- 20 the --
- 21 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: And this is
- 22 year end also. This is not at closing.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right.
- 24 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Closing would
- 25 have been a different amount.

- 1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Sure. Would the
- 2 reduction in the net regulatory liabilities be offset
- 3 by a reduction in the assets of the corporation? Was
- 4 it spending cash in order to reduce the net regulatory
- 5 liabilities?
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Now you're
- 7 getting beyond my recollection of exactly how this
- 8 works.
- 9 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Fair enough. But
- 10 just as a general -- from a general principle, if the
- 11 liabilities have been reduced, it's because they have
- 12 been paid off.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I -- I'd rather
- 14 you ask Mr. Rockx those questions.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. I will.
- 16 That's fine.
- 17 Can we look then at KPM1907, please.
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- 19 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 21 MR. RYAN BREEDON: This is -- if you
- 22 scroll down -- this was an email from yourself to
- 23 Mr. Houghton which attached a sheet that showed
- 24 calculations of the premiums paid on various
- 25 acquisitions?

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, that's
- 2 correct.
- 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And your
- 4 point was that the \$8 million that was being paid for
- 5 50 percent of Collus' equity worked out to a premium
- 6 of 1.6, which was very high.
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That was our
- 8 calculation at the time.
- 9 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And the
- 10 actual attachment is KPM1908.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 14 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Are you able to
- 15 make it a little bit bigger?
- And it looks to me like the highest
- 17 that had ever been recorded was the May 2000
- 18 transaction where Veridian bought Uxbridge?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's what it
- 20 looks like based on that sheet.
- 21 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And
- 22 there the enterprise to book value ratio is 1.69.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And your
- 25 point is 1.6 is pretty close to that.

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. Now,
- 3 you know that the Hydro One bid was \$13.6 million for
- 4 shares?
- 5 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: You're asking the
- 6 bid that they made.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Yes.
- 8 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I -- like I said,
- 9 I haven't looked at those bids. I know that I got a
- 10 copy of the presentation, but I really -- I know that
- 11 their bid was higher than ours.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay.
- 13 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: And I've seen
- 14 emails, but I don't know exactly what their bid was.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right.
- 16 Assuming it's \$13.6 million, which is I think what the
- 17 evidence shows, certainly that would lead to a much
- 18 higher ratio than 1.6.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Thirteen (13)
- 20 just sounds funny compared to our eight (8). So I --
- 21 it doesn't sound like that's apples to apples.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: 'Cause I --
- 24 'cause I think -- what I do recollect without knowing
- 25 exactly the number was that their -- their bid was

- 1 calculated by KPMG to be about 900 to a million
- 2 less -- more than ours. Thirteen is 5 million more.
- 3 So there's something wrong in that math.
- So again, John -- I have a lot -- I
- 5 have a lot of respect for John Rockx. He's been on
- 6 the other side of us when we did the Barrie merger and
- 7 other stuff. We've also used him as a valuator when
- 8 we sold assets.
- 9 So I -- I cannot believe that John in
- 10 his summary said there's only -- like less than a
- 11 million dollar difference, and now you're saying that
- 12 there's a 5 million dollar difference. It's -- that's
- 13 a big gap. So I -- you know, I can't really comment
- 14 that their -- 13 versus our 8.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: I'm not asking you
- 16 to comment on the Hydro One bill. I just want you to
- 17 agree that assuming the Hydro One bill is -- the
- 18 Hydro One bid was \$13 million. That would lead to a
- 19 much higher ratio than any of the ratios on this
- 20 sheet.
- 21 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That -- sure. If
- 22 their -- if their bid was really \$13 million as
- 23 compared to our 8 on an apples-to-apples basis, it
- 24 would lead to a much higher ratio.
- 25 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Even if their bid

- 1 was \$10 million, it would be a much higher ratio.
- 2 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: It'd be over 2.
- 4 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I don't know if
- 5 it -- I'm not -- it would be higher than our -- than
- 6 our bid of 8.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Well, you've
- 8 calculated the -- you've calculated 1.6 by assuming a
- 9 book value of \$5 million. Right? I mean, that's how
- 10 you got 1.6 -- 8 into 5?
- 11 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I'd -- I'd have
- 12 to go back, but your math sounds like it's correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: M-hm.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And so assuming
- 16 that if you take the same book value on the Hydro One
- 17 bid, if the Hydro One bid is \$10 million, it's going
- 18 to be 2.
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 20 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And that would be
- 21 the highest ratio ever paid for any of these
- 22 transactions.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Based on this
- 24 spreadsheet which is -- which we got from Mr. McNeil.

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1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Let's talk about
- 4 the community fund for a moment. Yesterday you
- 5 testified that you were a bit unclear as to whether
- 6 the idea for a community fund came from Mr. Bonwick or
- 7 was something internal -- came up internally at
- 8 PowerStream. Do I have that right?
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And we
- 11 looked at Mr. Bonwick's memo in which he first said
- 12 that Veridian had raised this in his presentation.
- 13 And do you remember -- I can turn it up again, but I
- 14 assume you remember --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That memo that we
- 16 didn't get a copy of.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Yes. That one?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 19 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And in
- 20 the memo, he said that that proposal had resonated
- 21 with the committee. You remember that?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I remember that's
- 23 in the memo.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Now can we
- 25 look at ALE487, please.

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: So this was an
- 4 email from Mr. Bonwick to a number of people including
- 5 yourself, and it attached another memo from
- 6 Mr. Bonwick. You see that?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: M-hm. Yes, I do.
- 8 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And the
- 9 attachment is ALE488.

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11 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And so
- 14 you see this is a memo from Mr. Bonwick. The subject
- 15 is "comments for consideration and discussion." And
- 16 if we just scroll down a bit, it sets out
- 17 Mr. Bonwick's suggestions for the RFP. And you recall
- 18 this one, I take it.
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I do.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. And if we
- 21 look at page 2, please, at the top. Under
- 22 "community," you'll see that Mr. Bonwick has written a
- 23 recommendation to include a provision for a \$1 per
- 24 customer community giving fund to be used at the
- 25 direction of Council. You see that?

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I do. Which
- 2 is different than the one in the Veridian.
- 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. Well, the
- 4 idea is the same. The details are slightly different.
- 5 Fair?
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes. And this is
- 7 not what was built into the RFP.
- 8 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. So the --
- 9 well, let's look at that. So the RFP is ALE967.
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yeah. Just go
- 11 back to that. That says at the direction of Council.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Yes.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: The RFP does not
- 14 say the direction of Council.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Well, we can
- 16 look at it.
- 17 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yeah.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: So ALE967, page 20.
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- 20 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- MR. RYAN BREEDON: And at the bottom
- 23 of the page.
- 24 So here is the -- this is, I think, the
- 25 proposal that you're talking about that ultimately

- 1 works its way into the bid, and it was the
- 2 establishment of a community fund of \$25,000 which
- 3 would go to support community events in consultation
- 4 with the Town of Collingwood. You see that?
- 5 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 6 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And
- 7 again, the specific details are slightly different,
- 8 but it is the same general idea.
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: This is a type a
- 10 thing that we do in all the communities that we have
- 11 under PowerStream and likely Alectra's territory.
- 12 This is more consistent with what
- 13 PowerStream had done in the past to then and what, I
- 14 think, Alectra continues to do today where it's
- 15 something that's done by the utility in consultation
- 16 with -- with people in the community.
- 17 And there's a rigorous process they go
- 18 through where -- well, it's gotten to have more and
- 19 more governance as it's gone on. Alectra's governance
- 20 is likely is more, given the number of shareholders
- 21 than PowerStream was.
- But, for example, staff can apply
- 23 for -- there -- so there's a whole process around it.
- 24 But it's under the control of the HR and governance
- 25 committee of a Board, not -- not given to a mayor or

- 1 Council to do.
- 2 MR. RYAN BREEDON: But the -- but in
- 3 this proposal, the use of the funds was to be done in
- 4 consultation with the Town?
- 5 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Consultation
- 6 doesn't necessarily mean that they have the veto.
- 7 They would provide some things, and it'd be up to the
- 8 Board to determine exactly how those funds are used.
- 9 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Let's then
- 10 turn to the confidential information. This'll be the
- 11 last topic I want to talk about.
- 12 You've been fairly candid today and
- 13 yesterday in agreeing that PowerStream was, in
- 14 retrospect, receiving confidential information from
- 15 Mr. Bonwick. Correct?
- 16 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes. It -- I'm
- 17 saying that there's information that when you go
- 18 through the stuff that we're getting that it -- that
- 19 he should not have had access to.
- 20 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Right. And
- 21 information he shouldn't have been providing to
- 22 PowerStream.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 24 MR. RYAN BREEDON: All right. And I
- 25 take it -- the gist of your evidence is that you

- 1 didn't really appreciate that at the time or you
- 2 didn't turn your mind to it at the time.
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think there
- 4 were two (2) things I said that one, I didn't -- that
- 5 looking back, I didn't turn my mind to it at the time.
- 6 And in retrospect of looking at it, I'm trying to see
- 7 if it had any impact on our RFP response and stuff.
- 8 And we just talked about the community
- 9 fund that it worked its way through, and I can't --
- 10 and I wasn't trying to think of any other ways. There
- 11 was a discussion we just went through -- long
- 12 discussion, mathematical discussion on the
- 13 recapitalization. We didn't make any change to that.
- 14 So I'm trying to think of how any
- 15 information we got from Mr. Houghton (sic) really
- 16 affected the substantive elements of our bid. And
- 17 that's where I was going -- had gone back yesterday,
- 18 I think, when Mr. Mather was asking us, trying to
- 19 figure out exactly any of that information -- how it
- 20 might have affected the financial components.
- 21 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Now, you mean
- 22 information you got from Mr. Bonwick, not
- 23 Mr. Houghton.
- 24 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Not -- yes.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: You didn't also get

- 1 confidential information from Mr. Houghton, did you?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No.
- 3 MR. RYAN BREEDON: We would need
- 4 another Judicial Inquiry.
- 5 Set aside how it impacted your bid.
- 6 The point is that you were receiving confidential
- 7 information which you oughtn't have received, and you
- 8 didn't appreciate it at the time.
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Now, at
- 11 some -- we've heard evidence from Mr. Nolan and from
- 12 Mr. Bentz that at some time in the spring of 2012
- 13 before the transaction closed, there were discussions
- 14 within PowerStream about the fact that it seemed to be
- 15 receiving confidential or proprietary information from
- 16 Mr. Bonwick. You're familiar, first of all, with that
- 17 evidence?
- 18 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think I heard
- 19 Mr. Bentz say something like that. I -- I don't
- 20 recollect any discussions like that. That's prior to
- 21 closing of the transaction?
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Yes.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I really don't
- 24 recollect -- I don't recollect any discussions of
- 25 that.

- 1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Would you
- 2 have been aware of any such discussions at the time if
- 3 they were taking place?
- 4 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: If -- if they
- 5 were taking place that -- it could have either -- it
- 6 could be Mr. Bentz and Mr. Nolan were talking about
- 7 that on themselves. If they had talked to me, I
- 8 would -- like, even if I couldn't recollect it, it'd
- 9 be like the stuff I saw on -- you know, last night on
- 10 Mr. Herhalt's notes.
- I would have thought that something
- 12 would trigger that I would have a recollection. To
- 13 the best of my knowledge, I can't recollect that type
- 14 of discussion.
- MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Well, that's
- 16 fine. You'll agree with me that at no time, to your
- 17 knowledge, did PowerStream instruct Mr. Bonwick to
- 18 stop obtaining confidential information?
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- 20 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And at no time
- 21 either before or after these discussion did
- 22 PowerStream notify the Town that somebody was leaking
- 23 information to Mr. Bonwick?
- 24 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: As far as I know,
- 25 that's correct.

- 1 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Even after
- 2 the transaction closed, PowerStream never went to the
- 3 Town and told it that somebody had been leaking
- 4 information to Mr. Bonwick?
- 5 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: As far as I know,
- 6 that's correct.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And PowerStream was
- 8 entering into a partnership with the Town. Correct?
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 10 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And the only way
- 11 that this was ever going to work is if the parties
- 12 trusted each other?
- 13 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- 14 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And similarly, the
- 15 only way it's going to work is if the parties were
- 16 candid with each other?
- 17 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- 18 MR. RYAN BREEDON: And so -- and maybe
- 19 you can't answer this 'cause you don't recall the
- 20 discussions, but why on earth did PowerStream not ever
- 21 tell the Town that it was getting this information
- 22 from Mr. Bonwick?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So I think I
- 24 recounted yesterday and today that -- that at the
- 25 time, we really weren't cognizant of it.

- Now, you're saying that Mr. Bentz and
- 2 Mr. Nolan said on October 12th before that they became
- 3 cognizant of it or whatever. So I cannot speak for --
- 4 for Mr. Bentz and Mr. Nolan if they're saying that
- 5 they knew that prior to the transaction closing and
- 6 had become cognizant of it.
- 7 MR. RYAN BREEDON: Okay. Thank you
- 8 very much. Those are my questions.
- 9 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Take
- 10 the morning break.

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- 12 --- Upon recessing at 10:24 a.m.
- 13 --- Upon resuming at 10:36 a.m.

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- 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Who's
- 16 next?
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I am, Your
- 18 Honour. Thank you very much.

- 20 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Mr.
- 22 Glicksman, my name is Chenoweth, Fred Chenoweth, and I
- 23 aback -- act on behalf of Mr. Houghton. A series of
- 24 questions arising from your cross-examination, some --
- 25 some clarifications.

- 1 I recall in looking at the Foundation
- 2 Document that there appeared to be a number of back
- 3 and forths between yourself and Mr. Houghton about the
- 4 calculation of the -- the recapitalization.
- 5 Do you recall that?
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 8 And Mr. Houghton had it at one juncture suggested that
- 9 -- that maybe a way of approaching it would be to be
- 10 specific about a -- about a high and low range within
- 11 which the recapitalization would fall?
- 12 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 14 And then just -- just a clarification. I -- I want to
- 15 understand your evidence given at earlier times today.
- 16 Your interpretation of what Mr. Houghton was doing on
- 17 that occasion was -- was being a hard bargainer, a
- 18 hard negotiator on behalf of the Town and on Collus?
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes. That's
- 20 correct.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 22 We spoke about and you gave evidence today, which I
- 23 found quite interesting, about the prospect of -- of
- 24 Collus in particular doing a recapitalization without
- 25 the benefit of a merger with a larger -- financially

- 1 stronger, because it was larger, organization?
- 2 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 4 And as I understood it, it is your thought and was
- 5 your thought that -- that it would be -- and it -- and
- 6 it was within your experience, because you cited a
- 7 number of up -- a negative -- number of situations
- 8 that you'd run across where smaller LDCs had chosen
- 9 not to do recapitalizations up to the debt equity
- 10 ratio suggested by the OEB?
- 11 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 13 And -- and I think you -- it's -- it's my memory of
- 14 the evidence of Mr. Fryer, and we can, at some
- 15 juncture, in submissions or otherwise, resolve it, but
- 16 it's my evidence -- or my memory of the evidence of
- 17 Mr. Fryer, who was the CFO for Collus, that he had
- 18 traditionally taken the position -- before anyone got
- 19 into this business about possible options for Collus,
- 20 he'd traditionally taken the position that he didn't
- 21 favour a recapitalization for Collus because it would
- 22 put it in a position where it would be more difficult
- 23 to take on significant capital expenditures that
- 24 possible changes in their operations might require.
- 25 That's my memory of his evidence.

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I take it that -- that would be an illustration that
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- 3 certainly historically, in any event, Collus had been
- 4 of a similar view that they did not reg -- regard a
- 5 recapitalization up to the OEB's top debt equity ratio
- 6 as viable for Collus, correct?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: What -- what you
- 8 said, I -- I --
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You don't --
- 10 you don't know what --
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Can
- 12 you -- can you just let him answer first?
- 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Certainly.
- 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yeah, I'm not
- 15 sure what the question there is -- made a number of
- 16 statements what Mr. Fryer appears to have said --
- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 18 think the question is really, whether you would --
- 19 whether that rationale commends itself to you or not.
- 20 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yeah. I would
- 21 say that for a small utility, that we're -- that some
- 22 of that rationale, especially if they're concerned
- 23 about funding future capital expenditures and not
- 24 going back for an equity injection from their
- 25 shareholder, I can understand that.

- 2 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 4 And if that was Mr. Fryer's position, and if
- 5 necessary, we can check the evidence at some juncture
- 6 with respect to submissions, if that was Mr. Fryer's
- 7 position, that would be quite in keeping with the --
- 8 with the rationale that you offered and the experience
- 9 that you had in the industry?
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes. That's
- 11 correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 13 Now, there were some discussions about a -- a
- 14 community program showing up in -- in the bid that was
- 15 made by PowerStream?
- 16 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 18 And just, again, I wanted to just ensure that I
- 19 understood your evidence. Am I correct that your
- 20 evidence suggested that a community program, which
- 21 I'll describe it as, a community program was an
- 22 offering that -- that was frequently made by
- 23 PowerStream when it bid for a community LDC?
- 24 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So what I can say
- 25 is I'm not sure it was part of a bid in the -- when we

- 1 bid, but it -- but in terms of PowerStream operations
- 2 -- I mean Alectra operations today, there is something
- 3 equivalent to a community fund.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right,
- 5 there is something akin to a community fund in your
- 6 relationship with local municipal LDCs?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: With all the
- 8 communities that -- that utility serves --
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- whether
- 11 they're shareholder owned or not.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Got it. So
- 13 that -- whether it's in the bid or not in the bid,
- 14 that's a standus -- standard modus operandi for
- 15 PowerStream?
- 16 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, that is.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 18 And again, are you saying that that didn't find its
- 19 way into your bid eventually?
- 20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I -- I
- 21 think he's not clear on whether it is or not --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 23 Okay.
- 24 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So
- 25 either -- either it is or it isn't.

1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Got it.

- 3 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So -- so the
- 5 -- so -- or His Honour has -- has stated your evidence
- 6 correctly, you're not sure whether a community
- 7 offering was or was not in the bid that PowerStream
- 8 eventually made?
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Well, I think the
- 10 RFP said that we were going to provide \$25,000 --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- 12 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- for the
- 13 community --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- 15 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- in
- 16 consultation with the Town, that it be managed by the
- 17 Board of Collus PowerStream.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 19 So that there was a community offering, as I
- 20 understood it --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 22 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- in your
- 23 bid.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.

- 1 And -- and my point simply is a community offering,
- 2 whether it's in the bid or whether it's arranged
- 3 afterward, is a standard modus operandi of PowerStream
- 4 when they're dealing with -- with municipalities.
- 5 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, it is.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So whether
- 11 or not you were twigged to the community program by
- 12 something that -- that Bonwick said, in any event of
- 13 that, it's likely that the community program -- a
- 14 community program would have been in PowerStream's bid
- 15 on the Collus RFP.
- 16 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I have to be
- 17 careful. I'm CFO. That input would have been made
- 18 likely by Eric Fagen and Brian Bentz, but I'm positive
- 19 that they would have -- they hadn't put a number --
- 20 they were -- I think even in the September 19th
- 21 presentation, they talk about all the things they do
- 22 in the community, if you got -- pulled up the
- 23 presentation. Those things aren't just funded out of
- 24 thin air. They're funded out of dollars.
- So I think they went through and they

- 1 explain in the September 19th presentation all the
- 2 things we do in the community, all the things we do
- 3 with staff, and so those things require funds. And so
- 4 if we had been a succ -- if, you know, we were at that
- 5 time saying to the strategic task force, if we're
- 6 going to be a successful partner with you, we're going
- 7 to do these things in your community too, and that
- 8 requires some money.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. So
- 10 just -- I think that's a yes, but let me just --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Let me just
- 13 clarify that.
- 14 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 15 think it is, so --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 17 All right. I -- I won't go any --
- 18 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 19 think all that Mr. Glicksman is trying to say is that
- 20 decision would be made by Mr. Bentz and -- and not
- 21 necessarily by him, but it's based -- it's consistent
- 22 with his experience.

- 24 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 25 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. And

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1 it's a likely -- a likely decision.
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- 2 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: In all the
- 4 circumstances. Thank you.
- 5 You -- just looking at paragraph 9 of
- 6 your affidavit, sir, I note that you say:
- 7 "Also if I knew that Mr. Bonwick and
- 8 Mr. Houghton were involved in a
- 9 close commercial relationship, such
- 10 as the solar vents, I would not have
- been in favour of retaining Mr.
- 12 Bonwick."
- I take it that, in fairness, other than
- 14 what you read in the -- in the Foundation Document
- 15 Number 1, you at no time had any information with
- 16 respect to the relationship, if any, between Mr.
- 17 Houghton or Mr. Bonwick or any other parties with
- 18 respect to solar vents. Is that fair?
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 21 And again, just a small clarification.
- 22 At paragraph 13 of your affidavit, you
- 23 speak of the June 15th meeting, and there was, I
- 24 think, some correspondence from Bonwick suggesting a
- 25 June 15th meeting.

- 1 As I understood your evidence, it was
- 2 that -- that you have no memory of such a meeting
- 3 taking place.
- 4 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Can we just pull
- 5 up that paragraph in the affidavit, please?
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Certainly.
- 7 Paragraph 13 and --
- 8 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So what I've said
- 9 there was that I didn't recall the meeting itself, but
- 10 it was likely an introductory meeting with Mr.
- 11 Houghton where we gave him a tour of facilities in our
- 12 control --
- I do recall at some point in time, him
- 14 making comment that I've never been to your facility
- 15 before.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right.
- 17 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So I don't know
- 18 if that was June 15th but it wouldn't be -- surprise
- 19 me that that was June 15 meeting, but I just don't
- 20 recall the meeting.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 22 So it -- it may be that -- Mr. Bonwick seems to have
- 23 been suggesting a broader base meeting for June 15th
- 24 at which people like Bentz and -- and others would
- 25 attend to discuss the status of the situation at that

- 1 time.
- 2 You don't -- what I'm suggesting to
- 3 you, you seem to have some memory of Mr. Houghton
- 4 touring the facility.
- 5 Would you have remembered that Mr.
- 6 Muncaster was with him when -- when that facility was
- 7 toured?
- 8 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Well, my
- 9 recollection was that Mr. Bentz was not at the meeting
- 10 --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- 12 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- if there was
- 13 a meeting. I think that's based on what I saw. And -
- 14 and, no, I would have been -- not Mr. -- it would
- 15 have only been Mr. Houghton.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 17 And in any event, the broadly-based meeting that was
- 18 suggested or encouraged by Mr. Bonwick on June 15th,
- 19 such a broadly-based meeting did not take place, in
- 20 your memory, on or -- or that you remember, on or
- 21 about June 15th. All you might remember is Mr.
- 22 Houghton being one (1) individual at some juncture
- 23 touring your facility.
- 24 Is that fair?
- 25 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That -- that's

- 1 fair. As I said, I couldn't recollect the meeting and
- 2 all I can rec -- think about it -- it could have been
- 3 an enter -- was it -- what I said in the -- in
- 4 paragraph --
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: i.e., Mr.
- 6 Houghton being at your facility.
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.

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10 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You changed
- 13 your affidavit this morning, and thank you for your
- 14 work in coming to those remembrances, and it was
- 15 paragraph 23(c) of your affidavit. To assist the
- 16 witness, if we could pull up that section of the
- 17 document. Thank you.
- 18 You've now remembered that you were at
- 19 the presentation given by PowerStream to the STT team
- 20 on September 19th?
- 21 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 23 And you said that there were, as you remember it now,
- 24 having looked at Mr. Herhalt's notes, there were
- 25 discussions about the prospect of -- of a requirement

- 1 for a 50/50 bid or up to a 50/50 bid.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think Mr.
- 3 Herhalt's notes and discussions were that the
- 4 questions were if we were open to the concept of a
- 5 50/50 bid.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: And that was one
- 8 of the things discussed in the give and take of the
- 9 presentation.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. And
- 11 I -- and I take it you indicated in that presentation
- 12 that you were prepared to consider such an approach?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: In response to
- 14 questions. Doesn't -- we didn't offer that as part of
- 15 our presentation.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes. But in
- 17 response to questions --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- you
- 20 indicated you would not be opposed to such an
- 21 approach?
- 22 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think Mr. Bentz
- 23 did offer that, yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 25 And you also indicated that the timing of the RFP had

- 1 been discussed, and I just again wanted to -- wanted a
- 2 clarification with respect to that. You, I think,
- 3 said a couple of things.
- 4 Clearly, as a result of your attendance
- 5 at that meeting, you would have been aware that the
- 6 RFP was coming out shortly.
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, that is
- 8 correct.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. And
- 10 you -- you did in your testimony mention October and
- 11 November.
- 12 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 14 And I just wanted to explore that a little bit with
- 15 you.
- 16 Had you, as a result of your attendance
- 17 at that meeting and what you heard at that meeting,
- 18 understood that the RFP would come out soon, in
- 19 October, and the response would be required for
- 20 November?
- 21 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I can't recollect
- 22 that amount of detail. Like, the comments I am saying
- 23 were twigged when I went through the notes last night
- 24 of Mr. Herhalt --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right.

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- and I remember
- 2 that -- that we were alerted when the RFP would come
- 3 out. There was question and answer, and that was one
- 4 of the things that came up. Exactly when, to that
- 5 degree -- I think we were kind of being told that it
- 6 was going to be really coming out shortly. This was
- 7 September and I think they were telling us it would be
- 8 October/November that it would come out.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 10 When you made the comment October/November, it -- it
- 11 makes some sense to me and it may -- may or may not
- 12 make sense to you, that what you well might have been
- 13 hearing is that the -- the -- the RFP would come out
- 14 in October and the responses would be in November.
- 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I -- I
- 16 think the witness has indicated that he can't recall
- 17 it in that specific detail. I --
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Well, this
- 19 is cross-examination, Your Honour.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Oh.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And in any
- 22 event, I take -- I take your point, Your Honour.
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- 24 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I take

- 1 it you can't take it beyond what I've suggested?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I cannot take it,
- 3 I think as Your Honour has said.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good.
- 5 Thank you. And just one (1) last little matter. You,
- 6 at some point, obtained some information with respect
- 7 to the employees of Collus?
- 8 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I didn't
- 10 have with clarity what your information in that
- 11 respect was. As I understood it, at some juncture,
- 12 there was information, rather substantial information,
- 13 with respect to the employees of Collus that was in
- 14 the data room?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I didn't go into
- 16 the data room. But I'm saying that there was an email
- 17 trail in the Foundation Document that showed that
- 18 there was a request that went from one (1) of my
- 19 staff, ended up with Mr. Bonwick with some information
- 20 sent back to us on a list of employees who were in one
- 21 (1) of the holding companies or whatever, one (1) of
- 22 the companies, and that I understand that that
- 23 information was -- also ended up in the -- was in the
- 24 data room.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.

- 1 So, you're saying that -- that whatever -- what went
- 2 on with requests to Mr. Bonwick and potential answers
- 3 from Mr. Bonwick, your understanding was that the
- 4 information with respect to employees was in the data
- 5 room?
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's my
- 7 understanding. That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.

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10 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I have no
- 13 further questions of this witness. Thank you, Your
- 14 Honour.
- 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 16 you, Mr. Chenoweth. Can -- before the next cross-
- 17 examination, you -- you said that during the meeting
- 18 in Sep -- in September, September 19th, with the
- 19 Strategic Partner Task Team, you indicate your -- the
- 20 Company, PowerStream, indicated a willingness to
- 21 engage in a 50/50 transaction in response to questions
- 22 from the team.
- 23 Had PowerStream discussed that
- 24 possibility before going to the meeting or can you
- 25 remember?

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So, the
- 2 presentation I think actually showed a board of seven
- 3 (7), four (4) from PowerStream, three (3) from the
- 4 utility. I think we had two (2) mayors there, Mayor
- 5 Lehman and -- and Mayor Scarpitti, I think as Mr.
- 6 Bentz likely talked about in his -- his testimony.
- 7 They were both minority partners in
- 8 PowerStream, so I'm sure when -- in response to
- 9 questions, Brian and/or the mayors would have said
- 10 that we were open to 50. It was -- it would have been
- 11 consi -- it's con -- entirely consistent with the way
- 12 PowerStream operated, and even the way Alectra
- 13 operations today.
- 14 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So --
- 15 so it's consistent. But you have no recollection of
- 16 whether they discussed how you would respond to that
- 17 question if it were put --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, not before.
- 19 No, I don't have any recollection how we would
- 20 respond.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 22 right. Thank you. Mr. -- Mr. Marron?
- 23 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Thank you, Your
- 24 Honour.
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- 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. GEORGE MARRON:
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Mr. Glicksman, I
- 3 represent Sandra Cooper, who was the mayor of the Town
- 4 of Collingwood in the years that are under review
- 5 here. And I -- I just wanted to refer you to your
- 6 affidavit generally.
- 7 And -- but before I do that, I -- I
- 8 take it from your evidence of yesterday that when you
- 9 became aware that Paul Bonwick was involved with
- 10 PowerStream and there had been meetings with Brian
- 11 Bentz that you were made of, and that goes back to
- 12 January of 2011, I got the impression from what you
- 13 were saying that you were impressed with Paul Bonwick
- 14 and the credentials that he displayed to you?
- 15 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think I said in
- 16 my evidence that there were pros and cons and that
- 17 we'd had some plus and minuses and deal with some of
- 18 that, that -- that Mr. Bonwick came with very high
- 19 credentials and that when Ms. -- Mr. Bentz met with
- 20 him, and then the mayors met with him, there was a
- 21 recommendation to move ahead with him.
- 22 That was not my -- that was the CO's
- 23 decision kind of thing in consultation with the audit
- 24 and finance committee and that -- but it required --
- 25 in order to go forward with that, we required certain

- 1 disclosures to be made.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: No, no. Well, I
- 3 appreciate that. But I'm -- I'm just asking you now
- 4 in reference to how he presented himself and the
- 5 impression that was made on you. We've -- we've heard
- 6 from Mr. Bentz. We've heard from Mr. Nolan. I'm
- 7 asking you that today. What was your impression?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I met with Mr. --
- 9 Mr. Bonwick after the decision had been made to engage
- 10 him --
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay.
- 12 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- not really bef
- 13 --
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay.
- 15 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- before the
- 16 decision had been made.
- 17 MR. GEORGE MARRON: But I take it that
- 18 you -- you were impressed with the manner in which he
- 19 pre -- presented himself personally and you were
- 20 impressed with the background he possessed, of being a
- 21 former member of Parliament in this area that included
- 22 or was in proximity -- I think it was adjacent to
- 23 Barrie, the riding which he represented.
- So, you were impressed with that. And
- 25 you were impressed with the fact that he was a former

1 member of the Town of Collingwood council so would

- 2 know the procedures at council.
- 3 You were impressed with the
- 4 correspondence that you heard of -- in reference to
- 5 the opinion or the email that was communicated in
- 6 reference to Deputy Mayor Rick Lloyd obtaining an
- 7 opinion from the clerk as to whether Mr. Bonwick being
- 8 a sibling of the mayor of Collingwood presented any
- 9 problem.
- So, you were impressed with that?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I thought Mr.
- 12 Bonwick brought a good knowledge of the local
- 13 community but -- and broader than -- than just
- 14 Collingwood.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Now, you -- I take
- 16 it you've never met Sandra Cooper?
- 17 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I have met her
- 18 since the transaction. I hadn't met her before the
- 19 transaction.
- 20 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. And the
- 21 transaction, of course, you're referring to is July
- 22 31, 2012?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. So,
- 25 hearing these formative areas in early January up to

- 1 say the end of June, you'd never met her?
- 2 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think the first
- 3 time I might have been introduced to her was at the
- 4 PowerStream golf tournament post-transaction or -- or
- 5 at a closing of the transaction.
- 6 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. That's
- 7 fair. And you'd made no inquiries of Paul Bonwick as
- 8 to his relationship with his sister?
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I did not.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: So, in paragraph 6
- 11 of your affidavit, if we -- there we have it. Thank
- 12 you. So, you indicate here that:
- "Personally, I didn't have concerns
- 14 about Mr. Bonwick potentially
- influencing Mayor Cooper."
- 16 I'm asking what -- on what source or
- 17 what belief would you be able to make that statement
- 18 if you never met her?
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: You're asking me
- 20 at that time or retrospectively?
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yeah, at that
- 22 time.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: At that time, we
- 24 -- I had had a lot of experience with different mayors
- 25 on our boards, mayors --

- 1 MR. GEORGE MARRON: No, no, no, my
- 2 --
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So, I'm not
- 4 trying to explain. So, I had a lot of experience with
- 5 different mayors on the boards and found them all to
- 6 be very commercially sensitive when they're on the
- 7 utility and that with the disclosure that we were --
- 8 that we thought we got from the mayor, that she would
- 9 be very cognizant of the fact that we were hiring Mr.
- 10 Bonwick to assist us in a potential RFP and,
- 11 therefore, would be very careful in terms of how she
- 12 might interact with Mr. Bonwick on anything related to
- 13 a potential transaction.
- 14 MR. GEORGE MARRON: That -- that
- 15 wasn't the question area that I was canvassing with
- 16 you. I mean, we'll get to that, and that's set out in
- 17 your affidavit.
- 18 The area that I'm canvassing with you
- 19 is this statement that you say personally, in other
- 20 words, it's your own personal opinion, I didn't have
- 21 concerns about Mr. Bonwick potentially influencing
- 22 Mayor Cooper.
- I'm reviewing that as to how you could
- 24 have that opinion when you never met Mayor Cooper --
- 25 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Well, one (1) --

- 1 MR. GEORGE MARRON: -- and -- and you
- 2 had never --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: M-hm.
- 4 MR. GEORGE MARRON: -- reviewed with
- 5 Mr. Bonwick his relationship with her?
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So, the reason I
- 7 said that is because we had full disclosure, or as --
- 8 what we considered to be full disclosure of the work
- 9 that he would be doing for PowerStream --
- 10 MR. GEORGE MARRON: I'm -- I'm
- 11 referencing.
- 12 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: And I'm
- 13 explaining. So that I would think that, because of
- 14 that, he would not attempt to influence the mayor on
- 15 anything to do with our transaction.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: That's not the
- 17 question that I'm putting to you. I'm just putting to
- 18 you, how could you make a positive statements -- i.e.
- 19 I didn't have concerns -- about Mr. Bonwick
- 20 potentially influencing Mayor Cooper when you hadn't
- 21 met her. You agree to that. You've never met her at
- 22 that point in time. This is the point in time I take
- 23 it that we're referring to -- January to the end of
- 24 June 2011.
- 25 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No. It's because

- 1 of the reputation that we had received and the
- 2 references we'd received on Mr. Bonwick. And I
- 3 didn't -- and based on that, I -- I, at that time,
- 4 would have thought I -- why should I have any concerns
- 5 about this person --
- 6 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. Okay.
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- potentially
- 8 influencing the mayor?
- 9 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. Sc
- 10 that's your answer: Why should I have any concerns?
- 11 All right. You made no enquiry of Sandra Cooper. You
- 12 didn't speak to her personally.
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 14 he never met her. He never met her, so...

- 16 CONTINUED BY MR. GEORGE MARRON:
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: And you were
- 18 questioned by Mr. Breedon just at the end of your
- 19 examination by him and indicated that there were a
- 20 number of instances where there had been confidential
- 21 information made available to PowerStream.
- 22 And you set that out in your affidavit
- 23 a number of instances of what I would refer to as
- 24 indiscretions of the part of Mr. Bonwick.
- 25 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.

- 1 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Yet you say in
- 2 your affidavit that you didn't consider that to be a
- 3 risk personally, and obviously, you've learned since
- 4 that's not the case.
- 5 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 6 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Well, you'll be
- 7 pleased to know, Your Honour, I don't intend to review
- 8 the various emails that I reviewed yesterday with
- 9 Mr. Bentz.
- 10 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
- 11 Appreciate that, Mr. Marron.
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- 13 CONTINUED BY MR. GEORGE MARRON:
- 14 MR. GEORGE MARRON: But suffice it to
- 15 say in reference to paragraph 6(a), (b), and (c), you
- 16 say the disclosure of Mr. Bonwick's work was confirmed
- 17 or at least it was indicated -- you used the term
- 18 indicated -- in Mayor Cooper's of June the 2nd, 2011
- 19 to Brian Bentz. Do you see that?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I do.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Now, would you
- 22 agree with me that if you look at paragraph 10 of your
- 23 affidavit, that sets out a great number of -- well, it
- 24 sets out five (5) instances in reference to the scope
- 25 of work.

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I do.
- 2 MR. GEORGE MARRON: And we also have
- 3 the June 7, 2011 retainer agreement that sets out the
- 4 scope of work as well.
- 5 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 6 MR. GEORGE MARRON: I would ask you in
- 7 your review of the letter of Mayor Cooper -- the
- 8 2nd of June 2011 -- that scope of work hasn't been
- 9 disclosed in the manner it's been disclosed in
- 10 paragraph 10 of your affidavit or in the manner it was
- 11 disclosed in the June 7, 2011 retainer agreement with
- 12 Mr. Bonwick.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Will you pull up
- 14 the letter, please, from Mr. -- from the mayor?
- MR. JOHN MATHER: It's Exhibit A to
- 16 the affidavit.

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18 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. JOHN MATHER: From page 11, I
- 21 believe.
- 22 MR. GEORGE MARRON: It's -- I'm
- 23 sorry -- it is in the affidavit by way of attach --
- 24 there we go.
- 25 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: We got

108 it. 2 CONTINUED BY MR. GEORGE MARRON: MR. GEORGE MARRON: Do you want to review that, Mr. --6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: And can we just 7 pull it down? So we relied on -- and I think people said we should have gone back and checked -- we relied on where he said -- where in the letter it says: 10 11 "Paul has described the potential 12 services his company will be 13 providing to... but not including to 14 limited strategic matters including 15 public relations, strategic 16 planning, acquisitions, and media 17 relations." 18 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: 20 "He has also stated that these 21 responsibilities could potentially 22 incorporate advice related to Town 23 of Collingwood, subject to certain 24 conditions unfolding in the coming 2.5 months."

I think yesterday we thought that maybe

- 2 that wording was careful because it didn't want to
- 3 talk about a potential RFP.
- 4 So given our experience with
- 5 Mr. Bonwick at that time and the -- and the references
- 6 we had on Mr. Bonwick, we thought that he had done
- 7 full disclosure to the mayor on the full scope of
- 8 services.
- 9 In addition, I think it's been
- 10 discussed there was also a meeting -- I think it's
- 11 June the 29th -- that was held with the mayor and
- 12 other people, including Dean Muncaster, where
- 13 Mr. Bentz has testified that he also gave full
- 14 disclosure of Mr. Bonwick's scope of work to the
- 15 people attending at that meeting.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: The question that
- 17 I put to you I thought was fairly simple. I
- 18 indicate -- my question was in looking at paragraph 10
- 19 and looking at the agreement -- the retainer agreement
- 20 that was executed on the 7th of June 2011 with
- 21 Mr. Bonwick and PowerStream, that didn't find its way
- 22 into the letter of June 2nd, 2011.
- What you've got is:
- 24 "Advice on matters related to public
- 25 relations, strategic planning,

- 1 acquisitions, and media relations."
- Other -- the scope of the work is not
- 3 necessarily set out there. I don't see any reference
- 4 to request for proposal, do you?
- 5 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So it says:
- 6 "The potential services company will
- 7 be providing to include but not
- 8 limited to..."
- 9 And I think the word acquisitions. So
- 10 we were relying on -- and maybe we were a bit naive --
- 11 we were relying on people being totally honest and
- 12 up -- this is a brother and a sister, and he told us
- 13 he described the full scope of work. We're getting
- 14 this letter back. We assumed he did describe the full
- 15 scope of work.
- In retrospect, I think we've learned
- 17 from this commission. If I was involved in a certain
- 18 thing, I'd want to make sure. Maybe I'd send the full
- 19 scope of work.
- 20 But at that time, we were relying on --
- 21 on that coming back, and I think our -- you know, I --
- 22 I think Mr. Bentz and Mr. Nolan felt that that was
- 23 sufficient also at that time.
- 24 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Thank you for
- 25 that. Now, you knew -- or did you know that a draft

- 1 of this letter had been delivered by way of email to
- 2 Mr. Bentz on the 18th of May 2011?
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I'm not sure that
- 4 I knew that there had been drafts going back and
- 5 forth.
- 6 MR. GEORGE MARRON: No. There wasn't
- 7 anything going back and forth. It was a draft --
- 8 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I mean that a
- 9 draft had been sent by Mr. --
- 10 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Mr. Bonwick.
- 11 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yeah. I'm not
- 12 sure that I knew that.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: The draft was not
- 14 sent by Sandra Cooper.
- 15 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Did you know that
- 17 there had been a draft by way of email that was word
- 18 for word with the letter of June the 2nd, 2011? Did
- 19 you know that?
- 20 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I -- I don't know
- 21 if I knew. But that wouldn't have bothered me in any
- 22 extent because I think it would have made sense for
- 23 Mr. Bonwick to -- it could have made sense for him to
- 24 draft a letter, and then it would be up to
- 25 Mayor Cooper to make any adjustments to the letter as

- 1 she would see fit before signing it.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. Well,
- 3 that -- that leads us then to -- and I'm not going to
- 4 get into detail with it, but it leads us to the
- 5 misunderstanding, and you're the one who identified in
- 6 quotes "misunderstanding" in reference to the email
- 7 disclosures that Mr. Bonwick was making in reference
- 8 to his discussions with the clerk of the Town of
- 9 Collingwood.
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 11 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. That
- 12 discussion is reviewed with Mr. Bentz yesterday, so I
- 13 won't get into that with you. But you're the one who
- 14 described the "misunderstanding" in the
- 15 correspondence.
- 16 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: And subsequent to
- 17 that, we received emails back including one that the
- 18 clerk was copied on.
- 19 MR. GEORGE MARRON: We'll get into
- 20 that. But, I mean, just the question -- if you could
- 21 limit your answer to the question. Now, I can't tell
- 22 you how to answer it, but I'm just suggesting if you
- 23 answer the question, we'll move on in the examination.
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- 25 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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                   MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right.
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   there -- I'm going to suggest to you that in your
   affidavit, you've set out a number of areas in which
   there were -- I'll refer to them as indiscretions on
   the part of Mr. Bonwick -- as concerns but you knew
   was going on out of his efforts on behalf of
   PowerStream.
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                   I'll be brief with this given the
   examination and the answers you gave to Mr. Breedon.
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    I would refer you to paragraph 8 that you didn't
   believe that you'd have any concern but you were not
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   aware that Mayor Sandra Cooper was a member of the
   Board of Directors for Collus. You weren't told that
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   by Mr. Bonwick.
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                   MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
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                   MR. GEORGE MARRON: And you say:
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                      "Although I don't believe it would
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                      cause me concern..."
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- 19 You weren't aware of the fact of that?
- 20 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 21 MR. GEORGE MARRON: I'm just about to
- 22 formulate a question here, so. In reference to
- 23 paragraph 9 of your affidavit, you weren't aware of
- 24 the nature of the relationship between Mr. Bonwick and
- 25 Mr. Houghton. You indi -- and you continue:

114 "If I had known that Mr. Houghton 1 had reviewed and commented on an 2 initial draft of Mr. Bonwick's 3 proposal to PowerStream, I would 5 have been concerned about PowerStream's retainer of Mr. 6 7 Bonwick." I'm suggesting to you that the concern obviously would be the fact of a potential conflict Mr. Bon -- Bonwick might have or certainly that Mr. 10 Houghton might have in any discussions pertaining to a 11 proposed RFP on the part of PowerStream to acquire Collus. 13 14 Do you agree with that? Would cause 15 you some difficulty? 16 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So my con -- my 17 concern -- yes, I agree with that. 18 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Pardon me? 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I agree with that, especially since we did not know, or I did not know that --21 22 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Right. 23 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- that the -- it 24 had gone to Mr. Houghton. 2.5 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Right. Well, you

1 set that out in paragraph 9 of your affidavit. That's

- 2 what --
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yeah. It's
- 4 different than the situation that you describe with
- 5 the mayor.
- 6 MR. GEORGE MARRON: You go on to say
- 7 in your affidavit that:
- 8 "Also if I knew that Mr. Bonwick and
- 9 Mr. Houghton were involved in close
- 10 commercial relations such as the
- 11 solar attic vent you would not have
- been in favour of retaining Mr.
- 13 Bonwick."
- 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: And -- and also,
- 16 you disclose in your affidavit that you didn't know
- 17 that Mr. Bonwick had a personal interest in the solar
- 18 attic vents, that he was providing to PowerStream by
- 19 way of sale.
- 20 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 21 MR. GEORGE MARRON: That caused --
- 22 would cause you some concern.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, it would.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: I mean, he should
- 25 have disclosed his interest to PowerStream before

- 1 engaging or seeking out some type of contract or
- 2 contractual relationship with PowerStream.
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 4 MR. GEORGE MARRON: You indicate in
- 5 paragraph 11 and 12 -- paragraph 11, that you -- you
- 6 were the primary point of contact with Mr. Bonwick.
- 7 And what -- what do you mean by "primary point of
- 8 contact"?
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Well, Mr. Bentz
- 10 is a very busy person, so in terms of having to have
- 11 somebody that -- that Mr. Bonwick could contact to set
- 12 up meetings, provide input to, would contact within
- 13 the Utility, that he would contact me to help set up
- 14 meetings, he may -- he would send emails to me. So,
- 15 for example, when he sent -- I think as time went on,
- 16 he would send stuff to me and copy other people on
- 17 emails, but that I was his initial point of contact.
- 18 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. So -- so
- 19 you were the available person and the designated
- 20 person?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right.
- 23 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So, for example,
- 24 on the retainer agreement, although Mr. Nolan drafted
- 25 it, I was the one who sent it to Mr. Bonwick after

- 1 getting -- after getting the comments from Mr. Bentz
- 2 and Mr. -- Mr. Nolan, I was the one who actually would
- 3 send that to Mr. Bonwick.
- 4 MR. GEORGE MARRON: So you remember
- 5 the executive committee of PowerStream and there were
- 6 five (5) members, we're told. You were the member who
- 7 was then designated as the liaison with Mr. Bonwick.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 9 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. And
- 10 you indicated that you'd had prior experience and you
- 11 reviewed that with us yesterday. You'd had situations
- 12 where consultants had been hired by PowerStream and
- 13 you had therefore some experience with the
- 14 consultants.
- 15 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I did.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: And you indicated
- 17 to us yesterday, and I'm not going to get into any
- 18 detail -- you indicated that in at least one (1)
- 19 instance, and you set out the Orangeville experience,
- 20 at least one (1) instance there were some difficulties
- 21 that were experienced with a consultant.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes. It wasn't
- 23 related to Orangeville but it was in another
- 24 situation, yes.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right, all

- 1 right. I stand corrected, all right. So it wasn't a
- 2 good experience obviously with that consultant.
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That consultant
- 4 had been good experience on another transaction but
- 5 not on that potential transaction.
- 6 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Okay. And it
- 7 ended up with the deal being scuttled --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 9 MR. GEORGE MARRON: -- because someone
- 10 learned that what he was doing was improper and -- and
- 11 that it was not properly disclosed to them.
- 12 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think there
- 13 were a number of factors but that could have been --
- 14 that was one of the factors.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right.
- 16 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Just one thing,
- 17 it was not that what he was doing was improper; just
- 18 that it had not been disclosed.
- 19 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. Thank
- 20 you for that. I was speaking generally.
- 21 All right. Now, you indicate that --
- 22 that there was this situation -- this is paragraph 14
- 23 of your affidavit -- this situation that developed
- 24 where there were expenses, and you've provided, you
- 25 know, the note -- your personal notes on this as well

- 1 as the -- the invoices. There was a -- an instance of
- 2 an account being rendered to PowerStream by Mr.
- 3 Bonwick, and made reference to blog and media
- 4 monitoring electricity issues.
- 5 Do you recall that, that's in your
- 6 affidavit?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I do.
- 8 MR. GEORGE MARRON: And you -- and you
- 9 set out the invoices as an exhibit to your affidavit.
- 10 We don't need to get into that. You -- you question
- 11 this invoice because there was nothing in the retainer
- 12 agreement of June 7, 2011, that set out any
- 13 requirement for blog and media monitoring services.
- 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 15 MR. GEORGE MARRON: And that's set out
- 16 in paragraph 16 of your affidavit?
- 17 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 18 MR. GEORGE MARRON: And that you were
- 19 aware at that point in time that Mr. Chadwick was a
- 20 Council member on the Town of Collingwood Municipal
- 21 Council?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: So did that not
- 24 cause you some concern, that Mr. Bonwick had someone
- 25 in his employ who was on the Town of Collingwood

- 1 Council?
- 2 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So, you know, to
- 3 -- so, to me, I think even -- even looking back where
- 4 I'm now even today, it's kind of -- this is a small --
- 5 this is a small community, it's not a huge community,
- 6 but even in a larger community.
- 7 So Mr. Bonwick, we understood, had
- 8 other clients and to the degree that I could not tell
- 9 him who to hire for -- in his office -- to the extent
- 10 that they were going to be interacting with
- 11 PowerStream on activities related to what PowerStream
- 12 is doing, I had a concern and wanted to make sure that
- 13 we were not paying for Mr. Chadwick's services.
- 14 I think Mr. -- Mr. Fagen had explained
- 15 to me the type of work that Mr. Chadwick normally did,
- 16 and that seemed to be consistent with what he was
- 17 doing for Mr. Bonwick, and we just made it clear that
- 18 we would not -- firstly, we didn't need the service,
- 19 and secondly, you -- we get media's monitoring
- 20 services from the OEA, the EDA, and that we, in any
- 21 case, did not want -- it wasn't the scope of services
- 22 that we -- we defined, and we did not want to pay for
- 23 any services Mr. Chadwick might be doing for Mr.
- 24 Bonwick.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: Once -- once again

- 1 you've -- you've responded to a simple question, which
- 2 I thought would take a "yes" or a "no" answer -- I
- 3 can't tell you how to respond but -- but you've
- 4 disclosed in this answer what you've set out in
- 5 paragraph 16, 17, and 18 of your affidavit, so.
- 6 Hadn't quite got there.
- 7 My question was: Knowing that Mr.
- 8 Chadwick was a member of the Coll -- Collingwood Town
- 9 Council, and that he was doing work for Mr. Bonwick,
- 10 who was an agent at this point for PowerStream,
- 11 wouldn't that not have caused you some concern?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Well, what I
- 13 said -- and no. Because as I said in number 19,
- 14 Mr. Bonwick might be continuing to employ Mr. --
- 15 'cause I understand he was doing -- the work he was
- 16 doing was provided to a number of Mr. Bonwick's other
- 17 clients.
- 18 MR. GEORGE MARRON: All right. That's
- 19 your response?
- 20 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
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- 22 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 24 MR. GEORGE MARRON: And it seemed to
- 25 me that just generally in the response that you were

- 1 making, if the information that was provided -- and
- 2 this is just generally -- if the information that was
- 3 being provided by Mr. Bonwick was -- had a tendency or
- 4 to establish that it was confidential, there seems to
- 5 be some decisions that's made that well, if it's
- 6 something that we would have known about anyways or if
- 7 it's really not that important to us, it really
- 8 doesn't cause any concern -- reference to any of the
- 9 rules concerning fair play involving an RFP proposal.
- 10 Is that what I gain from your affidavit in reference
- 11 to paragraph 23 and paragraph 24?
- 12 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Can we go down
- 13 this paragraph?
- 14 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Well, I'm just
- 15 saying generally. Is that -- that seems to be the
- 16 message, and I'm suggesting to you that it is the
- 17 message. And I'm asking for your response.
- 18 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's not
- 19 correct.
- 20 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Well, then -- but
- 21 there -- but Mr. Breedon examined you in this, and I'm
- 22 trying to keep this short.
- There were instances, I suggest to you,
- 24 where you should have done something knowing what the
- 25 source of the information was. You personally should

- 1 have done something as an executive with the
- 2 PowerStream corporate group.
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: In -- in
- 4 retrospect, that is correct. At the time, I think I
- 5 said -- and you go back to paragraph 23. At the -- at
- 6 the introductory focus, at that time my focus was on
- 7 completing our valuation. I didn't think about the
- 8 matter.
- 9 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Right.
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So somehow we --
- 11 none of us were really cognizant -- and as silly as it
- 12 may sound -- that we were getting confidential
- 13 information that we shouldn't have been getting.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: And --
- 15 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: We were so
- 16 focused on the transaction, and that in retrospect, we
- 17 should have told Mr. Bonwick not to give us
- 18 confidential information where -- and maybe even
- 19 terminated -- and terminated the agreement. But that
- 20 would have been my recommendation with Mr. --
- 21 Mr. Bentz and -- anyways.
- MR. GEORGE MARRON: So you're a busy
- 23 man. You had all kinds of things, I'm sure, within
- 24 your area of expertise. But you were the primary
- 25 point of contact for Mr. Bonwick when it came to

- 1 PowerStream.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 6 MR. GEORGE MARRON: Thank you, Your
- 7 Honour. Those are my questions.
- 8 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 9 you, Mr. Marron. So Mr. Watson, you're going last, I
- 10 assume? Or Ms. Bain?
- MS. BELINDA BAIN: That's right, Your
- 12 Honour. We would be last with this --
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Okay.
- 14 Thank you. Mr. Fryer...?
- MR. TIM FRYER: Justice Marrocco,
- 16 before I approach the podium, I was hoping that I'd
- 17 like to address a matter with you, and I apologize at
- 18 the outset for dealing with this -- not dealing with
- 19 this earlier.
- I had contacted Inquiry Counsel McGrann
- 21 to respectfully request your reconsideration of your
- 22 ruling on the order of examination of Mr. Houghton.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Why is
- 24 that?
- MR. TIM FRYER: I did provide the

- 1 detail, and I can go into the detail. But I -- the
- 2 outset of --
- 3 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 4 don't need a whole lot of detail. I just want the
- 5 essence of the reason.
- 6 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. The reasoning I
- 7 had pointed out early in the proceedings was I was
- 8 hopeful that I would be to the latter part of Inquiry
- 9 to witnesses, because in many cases, they were
- 10 colleagues, and I would prefer to not have to ask a
- 11 single question.
- I recognize you've accepted my role to
- 13 be one of providing context and clarity on some issues
- 14 as far as allowing me to participate.
- So I would have a number of questions
- 16 of Mr. Houghton, but I believe that if I could hear
- 17 the questions of Inquiry counsel and the Town first,
- 18 that probably will reduce mine substantially.
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Yeah.
- 20 No, I won't do that. But what I'll do is I'll switch
- 21 the order around so that you'll go after Ms. McGrann,
- 22 not before. But other than -- but the Town will come
- 23 after that.
- 24 MR. TIM FRYER: I greatly appreciate
- 25 your indulgence on my request. Thank you.

1 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: And if

- 2 that shortens your cross-examination, then that's also
- 3 okay. But I don't mean to imply by that that your
- 4 cross-examinations are lengthy. They're not.
- 5 Go ahead, Mr. Fryer.
- 6 MR. TIM FRYER: Thank you,
- 7 Justice Marrocco. And I know you're not talking about
- 8 this particular cross-examination. You're talking
- 9 about Mr. Houghton's. But I will -- I will say that -
- 10 hello, Mr. Glicksman. We're two (2) accountants,
- 11 and I can only imagine the Justice now is sitting and
- 12 thinking where could we go with --
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: No.
- 14 I'm somewhat concerned about that, but I'm waiting and
- 15 holding my fire.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Just a
- 17 correction, I'm not an accountant.
- 18 MR. TIM FRYER: I'm really trying -- I
- 19 am really trying to ask questions directly, and we'll
- 20 go from there.
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- 22 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. TIM FRYER:
- MR. TIM FRYER: So in your testimony
- 24 yesterday, you indicated that Collus RFP process was
- 25 the first one that PowerStream had participated in --

- 1 an RFP process.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 3 MR. TIM FRYER: Was this the first
- 4 50/50 partnership opportunity that PowerStream had
- 5 considered to the best of your recollection?
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: There was --
- 7 there was another merger we worked on that they were
- 8 trying to get us to 50/50 on a merger, and that'd be
- 9 subject to financial information.
- 10 MR. TIM FRYER: That's great. But
- 11 you've participated in mergers and acquisitions in
- 12 your role at PowerStream?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 14 MR. TIM FRYER: You recall that the
- 15 Collus RFP was only circulated to four (4) potential
- 16 partners. Correct?
- 17 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: At the time, I
- 18 didn't know how many -- how many parties. Looking
- 19 back, I understand that was the case.
- 20 MR. TIM FRYER: Thank you. That
- 21 actually was a case of where we had enquiry afterwards
- 22 from other parties, and we even refused those. So it
- 23 was just the four (4).
- 24 If the LDC you were CFO of undertook an
- 25 exploratory process through RFP of divestitures of the

- 1 utility assets or the shares, would you advise that
- 2 all options should be considered?
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I would provide
- 4 my advice to the CEO and to the Board, and then it'd
- 5 be up -- and the Audit and Finance. Then it'd be up
- 6 to them to decide what to do.
- 7 MR. TIM FRYER: Correct. I'm not
- 8 supposed to be answering, so I shouldn't have said
- 9 that.
- 10 More specifically, if you were going to
- 11 consider a 50 percent sale, would you want to know
- 12 what the market could get for you in any of your
- 13 options?
- 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No. That is not
- 15 correct.
- 16 MR. TIM FRYER: So you wouldn't want o
- 17 know what a full sale or a minority/majority situation
- 18 would garner for comparative purposes.
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I would not want
- 20 to know based on my experience with municipalities.
- 21 When they don't want to sell a hundred percent,
- 22 there's -- they don't want to -- and they only want
- 23 to -- to sell a portion of it or do a merger that --
- 24 that they're really not interested in knowing what a
- 25 hundred percent is 'cause they don't want to sell a

- 1 hundred percent.
- 2 That that's -- so therefore, that would
- 3 not be something that I would have understood would
- 4 have been discussed with the Board and the
- 5 shareholders. And so once they decide they only want
- 6 to sell 50, I would understand that they would not
- 7 want to know the price for a hundred.
- 8 MR. TIM FRYER: So you're talking from
- 9 the perspective of a CFO of a proponent that's going
- 10 to bid on it. I was looking at it as if you were the
- 11 CFO advising that Council, and you've already made
- 12 comment about the fact that you'd give your advice,
- 13 and they'd make the decision.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Right. So I'd
- 15 have to know what the objectives are of the
- 16 transaction. If the objective is not to sell a
- 17 hundred percent, then I wouldn't be making that
- 18 recommendation in the first place.
- 19 So really you'd look -- have to look at
- 20 the strategy and vision and what the company and the
- 21 shareholders are trying to accomplish. And then the
- 22 CFO, you try to do things to help enable that.
- 23 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So we won't get
- 24 into that in detail. I wanted to just in general --
- 25 some of Mr. Bentz's testimony yesterday -- so I was

130 going to bring up ALE617. 2 3 (BRIEF PAUSE) 5 MR. TIM FRYER: And I believe you'll be familiar with this. It is eight (8) years ago, but it is the Board presentation in October 2011. And I 7 was going to go to slide 7. 9 10 (BRIEF PAUSE) 11 MR. TIM FRYER: You're familiar with 12 this model --13 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I am. MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. 15 The hypothetical example of a similar 50 percent 17 transaction with Wasaga if it had the same 18 characteristics as Collus was discussed along with 19 hypothetical benefits yesterday. 20 Firstly, with the merger and acquisition of Wasaga, Collus could have done that 21 22 before a partnership anyway, correct? 23 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct. 24 MR. TIM FRYER: With strategic partner 25 situation, one (1) steadfast position of Collingwood

1 council in 2011 was that no more than 50 percent of

- 2 Collus would be sold.
- 3 Do you recall that as part of the --
- 4 part of the information that flowed over it, was
- 5 Collus was only interested in selling 50 percent, they
- 6 didn't want to sell more, so alludes to what you
- 7 talked about earlier?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 9 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. This is a model
- 10 of how Collingwood could participate without -- with
- 11 additional LDC partners without investing dollars.
- 12 And -- and I just ask you if -- if you agree with
- 13 that.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So, this
- 15 presentation was October 24th, before the RFP
- 16 submission.
- MR. TIM FRYER: Just the model --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- MR. TIM FRYER: -- itself?
- 20 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: This is a model
- 21 of -- of how it could work.
- MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So, if
- 23 Collingwood wanted -- if Collingwood council wanted to
- 24 maintain their requirement of 50 percent ownership,
- 25 then Collingwood would make the investment and

- 1 PowerStream wouldn't make the investment and they
- 2 would be the 25 percent partner in this model case?
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Or they could
- 4 just veto any future -- either party could veto any
- 5 future mergers and acquisitions unless they were
- 6 satisfied with their percentage ownership going
- 7 further -- going forward.
- 8 MR. TIM FRYER: Because of the first
- 9 rate of refusal clause?
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 11 MR. TIM FRYER: Now, again, I'm not
- 12 going to dwell on that because -- because it is
- 13 conceptual and we could look at numerous examples, so.
- 14 But I want to review one (1) other thing.
- Another major goal of Collingwood
- 16 council entering the partnership was that Collus would
- 17 be the hub CHEC LDC.
- Do you recall that as part of the
- 19 concept, Collus would be the first and would be the
- 20 hub?
- 21 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think that was
- 22 Mr. Houghton's goal. Those things would have to be
- 23 negotiated with any third party brought in. So, if --
- 24 if, for example, Wasaga came in, that would have been
- 25 the subject of negotiations between Collus PowerStream

- 1 and Wasaga as to wha -- what a hub would be, where
- 2 things would be. And those things would be negotiated
- 3 as part of the future transaction.
- 4 MR. TIM FRYER: But you -- you stated
- 5 in -- it's correct that Mr. Houghton's goal was for
- 6 Collus to be the hub?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think so, yes.
- 8 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. And the hub
- 9 concept was about synergies that could be undertaken
- 10 and services would be centralized?
- 11 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's not
- 12 necessarily the case.
- MR. TIM FRYER: Maybe not centralized,
- 14 but you're trying to create synergies?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So, for example,
- 16 I think Alectra today has services potentially
- 17 centralized not at one (1) location. So, in -- in
- 18 theory, for your example with Wasaga, Wasaga could
- 19 have had a call centre or finance staff and Collus
- 20 could have engineering staff.
- 21 So, there could be synergies, but they
- 22 don't all -- all have to be at the same location.
- MR. TIM FRYER: But that would drive
- 24 further efficiencies if they could be?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Not necessarily.

- 1 Not in these days of technology and so forth.
- 2 MR. TIM FRYER: Well --
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Look at the way
- 4 large companies like Amazon and everybody operates.
- 5 They have people all over the world.
- 6 MR. TIM FRYER: Now we're going to get
- 7 into some details --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yeah.
- 9 MR. TIM FRYER: -- so I'm going to --
- 10 I'm going to leave that. So, TFF8.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 14 MR. TIM FRYER: And this was a
- 15 presentation in 2015 to CHEC CEOs and Board of
- 16 Director members. And I'm going to go to slide 26. I
- 17 don't believe you would have been at this. And -- and
- 18 I'm only going to look at a model concept that's
- 19 there, so I don't think we need to go through the
- 20 detail of the --
- 21 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Well --
- 22 MR. TIM FRYER: -- it's noted in the
- 23 header that this model is Collus PowerStream. That's
- 24 what the CPS is for. The -- the presentation actually
- 25 was conducted by Mr. Houghton.

- 1 It appears that in 2015 this was the
- 2 new model that Collus PowerStream was promoting. If
- 3 Holdco was Collus PowerStream -- Holdco 1 was Collus
- 4 PowerStream in this slide, then they would still be
- 5 able to maintain their 50 percent ownership because
- 6 the other Holdcos would deal directly with the pool
- 7 investor. That's what's showing?
- 8 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: It's a pretty
- 9 complicated chart.
- 10 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So, we'll move
- 11 forward then because, in my opinion, this doesn't show
- 12 the hub concept that the other one did.
- 13 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think -- I
- 14 think, to some degree, it does show -- what this shows
- 15 is the -- the -- I think the thing -- circle in the
- 16 middle appears to me to be the hub or the combination
- 17 and the other circles just show the ownership, but it
- 18 shows all these utilities coming together as part of a
- 19 pool CHEC, like.
- So, I think that circle's supposed to
- 21 be the entity and the other box is supposed to be how
- 22 it's going to be owned. So that, without, you know,
- 23 having been at the presentation and I didn't prepare
- 24 this, so -- but to me, that -- that would be the way I
- 25 would inter -- interpret it, is -- is that each of

1 those Holdcos and pool investors are the owners of

- 2 that thing in the middle.
- 3 MR. TIM FRYER: It's safe to say
- 4 though that this model is different than the other
- 5 model?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 7 MR. TIM FRYER: So, again, it's
- 8 conceptual. And I don't want to dwell on that, so
- 9 we'll move along because the model without the pool
- 10 inves -- investors is actually the CHEC model because
- 11 that's exactly what CHEC was doing.
- So, I wanted to bring up TFF10.
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- 14 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 16 MR. TIM FRYER: And this is a chart of
- 17 comparative data, and it's -- it's current. It's 2013
- 18 to 2017. And it's really just meant to show us that
- 19 Collus PowerStream has maintained a good
- 20 administration cost per customer.
- 21 So, what's indicated in -- in the
- 22 footnotes is that this is only looking at admin costs
- 23 per customer because O&M can vary significant amongst
- 24 -- amongst LDCs.
- 25 And the comparative chart was put

- 1 together, obviously, for looking at the four (4)
- 2 potential partners and doing -- and -- or the four (4)
- 3 who had been potential partners and doing the
- 4 comparative. And it doesn't go back to 2011 and '12
- 5 and '13 because I think it's more applicable just to
- 6 look at things in a current -- current state.
- 7 So, again, as I said, this is
- 8 administration cost per customer only. And, as I also
- 9 said, O&M varies very significantly amongst utilities,
- 10 so this is meant to just be admin only in the -- in
- 11 the chart, so that's just for clarification to you.
- So, admin expense is probably the most
- 13 likely to generate the savings in a merger and
- 14 administra -- a merger or acquisition situation.
- 15 Would -- would --
- 16 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 17 think Mr. Fryer's asking you whether you agree with
- 18 that or not.
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's one (1) of
- 20 the largest savings.
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- 22 CONTINUED BY MR. TIM FRYER:
- MR. TIM FRYER: And that's all I was
- 24 looking for, was that answer, so thank you. The chart
- 25 indicates that Collus PowerStream had maintained a

1 very successful customer -- or cost per customer over

- 2 the five (5) years, correct?
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's what the
- 4 chart indicates.
- 5 MR. TIM FRYER: Yeah. A major reason
- 6 for this cost reduction that had been achieved is for
- 7 being a member of CHEC group with the cost synergies
- 8 amongst the group?
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I -- I can't say
- 10 if that's -- that's correct because I know, for
- 11 example, that PowerStream provided financial advice to
- 12 Collus PowerStream wa -- issued in terms of, for
- 13 example, converting to IFRS. And that was provided
- 14 for free. That would have been an additional cost.
- That in terms of running the CDM
- 16 program, that PowerStream ran the CDM program on
- 17 behalf of Collus so it could achieve its -- so there
- 18 are a number of things that wouldn't be included in
- 19 the OM&A line for Collus that, you know, were benefits
- 20 they were getting from the partnership with
- 21 PowerStream.
- I think the operations people provided
- 23 access to twenty-four (24) hour control room, so it's
- 24 apples and apples. Without doing a total com --
- 25 comparison, it's really hard to say --

- 1 MR. TIM FRYER: You're -- you're --
- 2 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- that those
- 3 benefits came from the CHEC group.
- 4 MR. TIM FRYER: Yeah. You're correct
- 5 though. This is the actual figures. But there are
- 6 other factors that could come into play if you were
- 7 looking at it in detail?
- 8 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Right. But the
- 9 benefits may not have come from the CHEC group, they
- 10 may have come from other things that came from
- 11 PowerStream.
- 12 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. The other major
- 13 reason that there have been the extensive synergies
- 14 that have been realized by what was described by Mr.
- 15 Bentz's testimony as the multi-utility practices for
- 16 shared services that were between Collus and the Town
- 17 of Collingwood.
- 18 So, that was the public utility.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Right.
- 20 MR. TIM FRYER: So that's correct;
- 21 "yes"?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- MR. TIM FRYER: Thank you. So I am --
- 24 I am going to move on, and I -- I just want to review
- 25 briefly about the 2013 Cost of Service Rate

- 1 Application.
- 2 So I'm going to bring up
- 3 CPS0009313 0001. And I'm hoping that's the number,
- 4 because I had three (3) different numbers written on
- 5 my sheet.
- 6 And this is the minutes of a joint
- 7 meeting of the Collus Board. And you can see that I'm
- 8 in attendance, from April 26th, 2012. So I wanted to
- 9 go to page 3, and the third paragraph, if you just
- 10 read through that.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 15 MR. TIM FRYER: And that's a correct
- 16 statement that Mr. Houghton has made, because you and
- 17 I had emailed back and forth, and -- and that was your
- 18 recommendation?
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: At that time.
- 20 MR. TIM FRYER: And mine -- mine was -
- 21 was different. And that actually was the final
- 22 strike for me, as I suggested, since PowerStream's
- 23 cost of service model was still in development, and
- 24 yet to be fully tested through the cost of service
- 25 process, it would be more cost effective to utilize

- 1 the test -- CHEC model -- tested CHEC model that had
- 2 gone through the process.
- 3 This would have been the first
- 4 opportunity with the partnership of Collus PowerStream
- 5 being able to utilize PowerStream's resources? That's
- 6 -- that's a question -- this is April 2012, so
- 7 actually, it hasn't even closed yet, but that's only
- 8 because the OEB hasn't ruled.
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct. I'm
- 10 trying to remember if we actually end up filing that
- 11 cost of service application, because remember, there
- 12 was a lot of work required to get the DSP plan done.
- MR. TIM FRYER: Yeah.
- 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: And I -- in the
- 15 end, I'm not sure that -- I think we may have ended up
- 16 deferring the assessment of people like Greg Van Dusen
- 17 and others --
- MR. TIM FRYER: Okay.
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- might have
- 20 been that they were not ready.
- 21 MR. TIM FRYER: There was some
- 22 periodic deferral --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yeah.
- MR. TIM FRYER: -- and the
- 25 distribution system plan was the problem for getting

- 1 it complete, so -- but it is the first opportunity
- 2 that there was for PowerStream to work with --
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: M-hm. Yeah.
- 4 MR. TIM FRYER: -- Collus PowerStream.
- 5 So in rev -- reviewing the application
- 6 documents that went in, its noted that the cost of the
- 7 undertaking was going to be recovered from the
- 8 customers with three hundred and sixty-six thousand
- 9 dollars (\$366,000). You may not recall that, it's
- 10 eight (8) years ago, but that is --
- 11 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I don't recall
- 12 that. Yeah.
- 13 MR. TIM FRYER: Reviewing -- or as I
- 14 say, in 2008, Collus's cost for that cost to serve --
- 15 their cost of service back then was a hundred and
- 16 sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000), and the average for
- 17 the CHEC LDCs for the period of 2012 to '14 was around
- 18 a hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars
- 19 (\$175,000).
- 20 Also, the rate approval, because of the
- 21 deferrals, did not go through until October 1st, 2013.
- 22 You had recalled about a delay. That's the actual
- 23 implementation date, according to the OEB approval,
- 24 was October 1st, 2013.
- Do you recall that?

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I don't
- 2 recall. But I don't know if that dis -- and I also
- 3 don't recall if that decision had -- sometimes
- 4 decisions would allow you to go back and retroactively
- 5 implement the rates, so I don't know if that was part
- 6 of the decision either or --
- 7 MR. TIM FRYER: So the decision was
- 8 for November 1st, allowing retroactivity back to
- 9 October 1st. So I'm going to go on now to TFF9.

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11 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- MR. TIM FRYER: And this is the 2013
- 14 to '17 OEB scorecard for Collus PowerStream.
- 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Just -
- 16 just hang on a sec. It hasn't shown up yet.

- 18 CONTINUED BY MR. TIM FRYER:
- 19 MR. TIM FRYER: And if we could just
- 20 scroll down to the bottom, because we're just going to
- 21 look at the -- the last couple of lines, which is the
- 22 return on investment and return on equity.
- 23 So referencing back to the cost of
- 24 service application, the 2013 cost of service
- 25 increased the revenue requirement by six hundred and

- 1 seventy thousand dollars (\$670,000). I'm sure you
- 2 won't recall that, but that's what the -- the amount
- 3 was when -- when the -- when the OEB ruled. It would
- 4 have also reorganized costs into rates, realigned them
- 5 to be current to the 2013 period test year.
- Is that correct?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: It sounds
- 8 correct.
- 9 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. And this is
- 10 generally the reason why that achieved result at the
- 11 bottom is so good. It's -- it's a very, very good
- 12 result.
- 13 That -- would you agree with that?
- 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think it was
- 15 also good management of the utility post that, because
- 16 most utilities that re -- gets to the -- gets to the
- 17 rate and then goes down, because they have increased
- 18 costs. And so it kind of is in a downward slope, but
- 19 I think that your peers who were there, Larry and
- 20 Cindy Shuttleworth, did an excellent job of continuing
- 21 to run the utility, and that's why the returns are
- 22 actually so good.
- 23 MR. TIM FRYER: So we'd already seen
- 24 admin costs per customer stable and low. I wanted to
- 25 bring up the distribution system plan. And

- 1 unfortunately, I couldn't locate the -- the number for
- 2 the distribution system plan within the document.
- 3 Would you be able to help me out with that, please?
- 4 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Why
- 5 don't you -- do you want to move on to something else
- 6 while they try to find, it or --
- 7 MR. TIM FRYER: I've --
- 8 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- is
- 9 that pretty much it?
- 10 MR. TIM FRYER: -- probably only got
- 11 three (3) or four (4) minutes and it --
- 12 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 13 right.
- 14 MR. TIM FRYER: -- ties to the -- to
- 15 what's shown. And -- and it was a doc --
- 16 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
- 17 Actually, what we'll -- what I'll do while you're
- 18 looking for it, we'll take a short -- short break, and
- 19 then we'll come -- so ten (10) minutes and then --
- MR. TIM FRYER: Certainly.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --
- 22 then we'll finish yours and carry on.
- 23
- 24 --- Upon recessing at 11:51 a.m.
- 25 --- Upon resuming at 12:00 p.m.

- 2 CONTINUED BY MR. TIM FRYER:
- 3 MR. TIM FRYER: So, we'll pick up
- 4 where we left off there, if we could. As I said, I'm
- 5 going to bring up TFF7. And we already reviewed that
- 6 the admin costs were stable. This actually shows us
- 7 the actual cost for O&M in that period of time.
- 8 So, 2013/'14,'15, and '16 are there on
- 9 the bottom line.
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: This -- this is
- 11 capital expenditures or O&M I'm looking at? I'm
- 12 looking at capital expenditures right now.
- 13 MR. TIM FRYER: At the bottom -- the
- 14 bottom line in the --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Okay. Yes. M-
- 16 hm.
- 17 MR. TIM FRYER: -- is -- is the system
- 18 operation and maintenance cost. So, this is table 45
- 19 from the distribution system plan that is in draft
- 20 form right now because it still hasn't actually
- 21 received official approval at the OEB.
- They've reviewed it, but it won't get
- 23 official approval until it goes through a cost of
- 24 service process. And that's been delayed because of
- 25 the transaction with EPCOR. But those actual figures

- 1 will be the actual figures because those come right
- 2 off the -- the financial statements.
- 3 So, what I was going to say to you is
- 4 that, as we were talking about the return and -- and
- 5 on -- on equity and -- and how good it is, you can see
- 6 that in 2013 system O&M was two million and fifty-
- 7 three thousand dollars (\$2,053,000).
- 8 And then they had a line -- lineman --
- 9 a line person shortage that they addressed in 2014.
- 10 That's why it starts to go up a little bit
- 11 significantly, but then it picks up more in the next
- 12 year. They address that line person shortage. And
- 13 then it's a stable increase in 2016.
- 14 There was a short-term change in
- 15 capital policy in 2017. They put about four hundred
- 16 thousand dollars (\$400,000) into capital rather than
- 17 expense that typically would go into expense. I don't
- 18 know the particulars because, of course, that probably
- 19 -- that's not public information.
- So, that's why you see 2017 so
- 21 significantly lower, by approximately four hundred
- 22 thousand dollars (\$400,000) to budget. So, in the
- 23 end, that's the O&M cost. So, the O&M costs and the
- 24 admin costs are -- are going to be the two (2) major
- 25 factors in the overall return.

- 1 And, as I said, admin was stable. This
- 2 is what's happened with O&M. That would have happened
- 3 with or without a sale to a major generality. There's
- 4 always going to be other factors, as you've said?
- 5 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I'm taking what
- 6 you're saying. I -- I've never seen this. I can't
- 7 really comment. I can only say what you say make --
- 8 sounds logical.
- 9 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. That -- and
- 10 that -- that's fine. We'll -- we'll go from there. I
- 11 also then wanted to talk about the capitalize because
- 12 you -- you noted that it was here.
- 13 And earlier, you talked about the
- 14 situation for the small and medium size utilities.
- 15 And, generally, the 35 to 65 percent debt to equity
- 16 ratio that many of us had, that's what we had coming
- 17 into this.
- 18 And I totally agree with what you had
- 19 explained to Mr. Chenoweth, that that was an accurate
- 20 statement he gave of mine to you, that I had
- 21 recommended that we should not take on full cap --
- 22 recap because I had system investment concerns. And -
- 23 and whether the bank would accept us at 60/40 or
- 24 that -- I hadn't even gotten into that.
- So, as you look at the totals for

- 1 capital here, I believe that it's a case of where
- 2 they've undercapitalized in the first four (4) years.
- 3 So, you see where 2013 it's a million one hundred and
- 4 seventeen thousand (1,117,000), 2014 a million eight,
- 5 2015 a million seven and -- and then in 2016 two point
- 6 five eight million.
- 7 If you look at the projected costs over
- 8 in the right-hand side of that fourth col -- or line
- 9 for 2018 through 2... The average for those years
- 10 comes out to \$3.2 million.
- 11 So, as you can see, there's significant
- 12 -- and -- and that was the -- that was the concern I
- 13 had, as CFO. I knew we had these capital investment
- 14 requirements down the road.
- So, coming back to your -- your
- 16 discussion about the 35/65 typically being for the
- 17 utility, that's the reasoning. And I believe, as I
- 18 said, you were in support of -- of that capitalized
- 19 situation of Collus and the situation it was prior to
- 20 the partnership?
- 21 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So, I would have
- 22 -- so if I had been CFO of Collus, I would have run a
- 23 ten-year model to see whether there was an adequ --
- 24 adequate capital within the utility and at what level
- 25 I could capitalize the utility without an equity

- 1 injection.
- So, without having done that analysis,
- 3 I -- I can't really comment on -- on your assessment.
- 4 MR. TIM FRYER: I understand totally
- 5 because that's what I had run, so great. Another item
- 6 that you mentioned a little earlier was about Mr.
- 7 Bonwick's retainer and PowerStream having paid it
- 8 through 2012, I believe, and then 2013 it was
- 9 scheduled to -- to turn over.
- 10 It's in Ms. Shuttleworth's testimony
- 11 that it was not within rates, so she had concerns
- 12 about it coming over to Collus. And -- and so, it
- 13 wasn't part of that rate application, the cost of
- 14 service rate application that had gone in in 2013.
- Was it part of PowerStream's rate
- 16 application for 2013?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Well, that's a
- 18 level of detail. We don't have ev -- in -- for a
- 19 utility the size of PowerStream we wouldn't have every
- 20 contract we have detailed in our application. And
- 21 Intervenors wouldn't be able to see where we'd have
- 22 funds for M&A work or whatever, so it would be hard --
- 23 hard to say that.
- 24 Cindy is very good, I thought. I think
- 25 very highly of -- of Ms. Shuttleworth. And I could

- 1 see, as CFO, she'd be saying I don't want to take
- 2 these costs. That's a board decision as to what
- 3 costs. There's always an amount within your approved
- 4 OM&A that you can provide for if you think that's
- 5 significant.
- 6 Every -- every company has some amount
- 7 in their OM&A for -- for costs that they think that
- 8 they should spend aside from things that are very
- 9 easily identifiable.
- 10 MR. TIM FRYER: You're totally
- 11 correct. It's a Board decision, right. And Ms.
- 12 Shuttleworth would make her advice to them and they'd
- 13 make the decision?
- 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Right. But I'm
- 15 saying there would be a -- it would be not responsible
- 16 not to have any amount of -- I wouldn't say
- 17 contingency, but unallocated co -- amounts in your
- 18 OM&A to provide for things that would come up.
- 19 MR. TIM FRYER: But it's certainly
- 20 difficult with the work that Intervenors do do. And -
- 21 and in the case of smaller utilities, they do go
- 22 through line by line because that information is
- 23 detailed that way.
- You mentioned -- and -- and you and I,
- 25 I'm sure, could have a long conversation about

- 1 valuation and the information that's gone. I totally
- 2 agree with you. Mr. Rockx was handling that for us.
- 3 And he's going to be coming as a witness later, so I
- 4 believe that that can be handled by him. I have every
- 5 faith in -- in him being able to discern to the
- 6 various ways things break down.
- 7 The one (1) thing I was going to refer
- 8 to is, in the case of the long-term liability item
- 9 that was looked at, the regulatory liability situation
- 10 that was existing.
- 11 So, what's happened there is, in that
- 12 particular case, it's because it's a \$1.4 million
- 13 liability, is we've over collected from the customer,
- 14 correct?
- 15 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: It sounds like
- 16 it, m-hm.
- 17 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. Through rate
- 18 applications, we put in process a process to return
- 19 that \$1.4 million?
- 20 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Over the course
- 21 of that year, apparently, 1.1 million with all the
- 22 other net things that had happened through the year,
- 23 that was the outcome?
- 24 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Based on what
- 25 you're saying and what Mr. Breedon's saying, I'll --

- 1 I'll just -- I'll ju -- I'm just listening to what
- 2 you're saying.
- 3 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So -- so when --
- 4 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: You
- 5 can simply answer that --
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- you
- 8 can't comment on it --
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I can't comment.
- 10 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- if
- 11 -- if you can't indeed comment on.

- 13 CONTINUED BY MR. TIM FRYER:
- 14 MR. TIM FRYER: And again, as -- as
- 15 Mr. Breedon was saying, when that \$1.1 million
- 16 liability is reduced it's coming out of cash?
- 17 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Coming out of the
- 18 amounts collected from customers.
- MR. TIM FRYER: Where we've over
- 20 billed them?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: M-hm.
- 22 MR. TIM FRYER: Yes. So -- so, when I
- 23 was dealing with the Board about the Po -- PowerStream
- 24 offer I did explain to them -- them that -- that it
- 25 was a moving target --

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 2 MR. TIM FRYER: -- specifically
- 3 because of the regulatory liabilities because, as you
- 4 indicated, there would be a risk there. And -- and
- 5 so, I had explained to them that there would be a
- 6 moving target. And that's something that you would do
- 7 if you were advising your Board?
- 8 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Exactly.
- 9 MR. TIM FRYER: Okay. So, the last
- 10 thing I was going to just say is that -- and again, I
- 11 already mentioned about John Rockx being accurate. I
- 12 would say the same thing about Cindy Shuttleworth.
- 13 When -- when they were doing the
- 14 calculations for the review of the proposal and what
- 15 the net recapitalization was and -- and the working
- 16 capital adjustment, I have every faith in them looking
- 17 at all those things. And, as I said, Mr. Rockx will
- 18 be able to look at that for us.
- 19 So, those are my questions, Justice.
- 20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 21 you, Mr. Fryer.
- 22 MR. TIM FRYER: Thank you very much,
- 23 Mr. Glicksman.
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- 25 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 1 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Mr.
- 2 Bonwick?

- 4 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. PAUL BONWICK:
- 5 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Good morning, Mr.
- 6 Glicksman. My name is Paul Bonwick, as you know. And
- 7 I'm a participant here in the -- the inquiry. To get
- 8 started, I -- to get started, I wanted to touch upon
- 9 the early stages, prior to our engagement, my
- 10 engagement, Compenso's engagement, with PowerStream.
- 11 You have made mention to the inquiry
- 12 that there was, using my words, a fairly significant
- 13 background work done in terms of providing references,
- 14 speaking to people that had known me for twenty (20)
- 15 years. Is that a fair statement?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: It's my
- 17 understanding what Brian did, what Mr. Bentz did.
- 18 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And you've seen in
- 19 the court record, I assume, as part of the -- the
- 20 draft agreement that I sent to PowerStream, as a
- 21 condition of that, there were several reference
- 22 letters attached to that, as well?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That is correct.
- 24 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And would you -- or
- 25 can you remember the fact that the reference letters

- 1 were from existing clients that I had been engaged
- 2 with for a number of years?
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I'd have to say I
- 4 was surprised when -- yesterday when I saw one (1) of
- 5 them was dated '05, so, I mean, I -- I can't
- 6 recollect. All I can say is, at the time, the
- 7 assessment was -- was at the -- was -- was all very
- 8 positive of those letters.
- 9 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Fair enough. And
- 10 so, going back a number of years. And so, based on
- 11 those references, there was nothing to cause you
- 12 concern about how I might conduct myself?
- 13 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: There was nothing
- 14 -- that's correct.
- 15 MR. PAUL BONWICK: You're on the
- 16  $\,$  record as stating you were aware of the fact that  ${ t I}$
- 17 was the member of Parliament, not the MPP but the MP
- 18 for the riding of Simcoe-Grey for a number of years?
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: And you've
- 21 confirmed that I sat on council for a number of years?
- 22 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 23 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Or not a number. I
- 24 guess it was about thir -- two and three quarters
- 25 because I had left there. And so, you've also

- 1 acknowledged the fact that in -- using your
- 2 terminology, relatively small town?
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 4 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so, would it
- 5 come to any surprise to you based on the references,
- 6 based on my political experience, based on having had
- 7 clients for a number of years post-2004, that I might
- 8 have a fairly strong and respected network within this
- 9 community?
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I wou --
- 11 wouldn't be surprised at all.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so, would it be
- 13 reasonable to say, based on that assertion, that that
- 14 would allow PowerStream to allow me on behalf of
- 15 PowerStream to provide information from the community
- 16 at large in support of a PowerStream bid?
- 17 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 18 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you. I'm
- 19 just going to very quickly address a couple of
- 20 comments that were made, and then move on to some
- 21 other issues. If I could please bring up AFF00 -- I
- 22 guess I just have to go AFF8.
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- 24 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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1 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Oh, that's your --

- 2 my bad. I was looking for the letter from Mayor
- 3 Cooper to Brian Bentz, sorry.
- 4 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 5 think it was Exhibit A.
- 6 MR. JOHN MATHER: Page 11 of that
- 7 affidavit.
- 8 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Oh, thank you.

- 10 CONTINUED BY MR. PAUL BONWICK:
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: So, based on the
- 12 preamble we just got through, the reputation that you
- 13 believed me to have --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: M-hm.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- me conveying to
- 16 Mr. Bentz, yourself, as well as other at PowerStreams
- 17 (sic), that I had had some preliminary discussion with
- 18 my sister as it related to the level of engagement
- 19 that I might be involved with with PowerStream,
- 20 understanding that it was still a deal in the works.
- 21 Is that correct?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so, you'll
- 24 agree that Mr. Bentz, as a condition, or Mr. Nolan, as
- 25 a condition of the agreement, asked to have a written

- 1 confirmation from the mayor's office as it related to
- 2 my discussions with her?
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 4 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so I think you
- 5 also confirmed that in your opinion it would only make
- 6 sense if that is a condition of the contract that I
- 7 would provide a draft letter to Mr. Bentz or Mr. Nolan
- 8 to make sure that the letter properly encapsulated the
- 9 work that I was going to be doing?
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That would make
- 11 sense to me, yes.
- 12 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you.
- 13 And so, are you familiar with the
- 14 cross-examination that took place a number of days ago
- 15 with the Town solicitor, Mr. Longo, where Mr. Longo
- 16 went through on a point by point basis the terms of my
- 17 agreement versus the points laid out in this letter?
- 18 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I listened to
- 19 some of that, but some of the Rogers stuff seemed to
- 20 go on and off at home and I didn't read the
- 21 transcripts, so I cannot comment really.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Okay, and so the
- 23 record would show, and I could happily bring up the
- 24 transcript but I'll try to keep it short, the record
- 25 would show the Mr. Longo, the solicitor for the Town

- 1 of the Colling -- solicitor for the Town of
- 2 Collingwood went through on a point by point basis the
- 3 terms of engagement between -- final terms of
- 4 agreement between Compenso and PowerStream and felt
- 5 quite comfortable that the points lined out in the
- 6 first paragraph clearly articulated the
- 7 responsibilities I would have with PowerStream.
- I want to go to other evidence that's
- 9 been brought forward, and opinions, both internal and
- 10 external. It's my understanding that PowerStream
- 11 reached out to external counsel to establish whether
- 12 or not my sister, Sandra Cooper, would have a conflict
- 13 of interest with regards to my engagement?
- 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Those are the
- 15 things that really Dennis -- Mr. Nolan, would be
- 16 responsible for. I mean, I -- in terms of making sure
- 17 adequate disclosure, that the letters -- those --
- 18 those weren't really my responsibility, I would have
- 19 my opinion, but really the final say on that would
- 20 have been Mr. Nolan's.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 22 think Mr. Nolan -- correct me if I'm wrong, but it
- 23 think Mr. Nolan indicated in his evidence that he got
- 24 an outside opinion on -- on something. We can't get
- 25 into the specifics, Ms. Bain?

- 1 MS. BELINDA BAIN: That's right, Your
- 2 Honour, and -- and thank you for the caution about not
- 3 getting into the specifics for obvious reasons of
- 4 privilege.
- 5 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Right,
- 6 but I think he did disclose that it had to do with the
- 7 question of conflict of interest.
- MS. BELINDA BAIN: That's right, Your
- 9 Honour.
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
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- 12 CONTINUED BY MR. PAUL BONWICK:
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: And that was as
- 14 deep as I was going to go, being respectful of the
- 15 lawyer-client privilege.
- 16 And it's safe to say that there was
- 17 some internal discussions, and I don't want to know
- 18 what the discussions were, but as they related to
- 19 potential conflict of interest with regards to me and
- 20 the Mayor?
- 21 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, that's
- 22 correct.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: That would be fine.
- 24 And so there's been external internal
- 25 discussions, there has been discussions beyond that

- 1 going back many, many years as it relates to elected
- 2 officials and siblings doing work with municipalities,
- 3 and again, demonstrated through the Municipal Act, if
- 4 you would agree with this, that there does not appear
- 5 to be a conflict of interest as it relates to siblings
- 6 in 2011?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I'm not a lawyer,
- 8 but the extent that that was -- that that's correct, I
- 9 would, you know -- I can't really --
- 10 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Fair enough. Just
- 11 if you were following the transcript I would have done
- 12 that.
- 13 What I'd like to do is touch on the
- 14 work that Mr. Chadwick was doing and the fact that
- 15 that's been brought to your attention now.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: M-hm.
- 17 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I'd just like to
- 18 touch on that very briefly.
- 19 If I could bring up a document --
- 20 Foundation document 603404, please.
- You have commented that it was your
- 22 understanding that Compenso did not simply have a
- 23 singular relationship with one client, but that we had
- 24 a -- an array of different clients at different points
- 25 in time, is that correct?

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: And would you be
- 3 aware of the fact that Compenso did work within the
- 4 energy and mining sectors as well as the
- 5 transportation sector?
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I -- I thought
- 7 that was the case back then.
- 8 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you.
- 9 I was looking for CJI -- I think it's
- 10 five zeros, 81, and then it goes .0002.
- 11 So while you won't recall getting
- 12 copies of this, because as you've properly stated,
- 13 PowerStream had concerns about duplication of service
- 14 and being charged for that based on their own internal
- 15 media sourcing, as well as external media sourcing
- 16 through the OEB, is that correct?
- 17 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 18 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so if you could
- 19 just please scan down for Mr. Glicksman's benefit.
- 20 This would be an example of the kids of news clipping
- 21 services that we were providing to many, many people,
- 22 including clients, people within government,
- 23 provincial and federal governments.
- Do you see in any way that this is --
- 25 affects or in any manner of speaking affects the work

- 1 that I was doing with PowerStream?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, this seems to
- 3 be not related really to the electricity sector.
- 4 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And then if you go
- 5 do 0003, there's one in -- in the electricity sector,
- 6 and could you please go down, scan that for Mr.
- 7 Glicksman? Keep going down, I don't think he needs to
- 8 read all the articles.
- 9 Do you see anything in there that would
- 10 affect the relationship or the responsibilities that I
- 11 had specific to PowerStream?
- 12 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: What I see on
- 13 that is that this would be this type of information we
- 14 were already getting from other news clipping syste --
- 15 services.
- This is just the news clippings
- 17 historically have been -- they're not articles that
- 18 are written, they're just articles that are taken from
- 19 newspapers related to a certain subject.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: So likely a very
- 21 similar format, it's --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Something like
- 23 that.
- 24 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And you -- can you
- 25 confirm that in fact that wasn't part of the e-service

- 1 -- internal e-servicing -- e-service news collection
- 2 program that you had at PowerStream?
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 4 MR. PAUL BONWICK: So I wouldn't have
- 5 know that you had that internal program when in fact
- 6 we started to develop this program, is that fair?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- Just to clarify, we didn't have an
- 9 internal, we bought those things from other people.
- 10 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Okay, thank you.
- 11 Could I bring up transcript -- it was
- 12 2019-05-03, page 105, line 17. Is this the cross
- 13 examine -- yes, Mr. Chadwick, and it was 17.
- 14 So you'll see here, Mr. Chadwick's
- 15 earlier testimony as it states. Did you receive --
- 16 did the services you were providing to my company in
- 17 terms of collecting news clippings from across the
- 18 country, specific to mining and energy sector in any
- 19 way affect your decision to sell 50 percent of the
- 20 shares of Collus? And could you scan down?
- You see his response:
- 22 "No, it did not. And just to
- clarify, I did not partake in the
- 24 decision. I only partook in the
- decision to send out the RFP, to go

166 through a process and send out the 1 2 RFP. I did not participate in the decision to choose either 3 PowerStream or the strategic 5 partner." 6 Could I go to page 108, line 11, 7 please. THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: don't know if it was a partner or partnership. 10 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Partnership, I 11 think it was. Thank you. 12 CONTINUED BY MR. PAUL BONWICK 13 14 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Line 11, thank you. 15 I think the -- and then again the transcript shows my question to Mr. Chadwick: 17 "Thank you. I think a question that 18 should have been asked of you some 19 time ago, but I'll put it to you 20 right now. At any time throughout 21 your nine or ten or eleven year", I 22 wasn't sure how long he had sat on Municipal Council for, "did you ever 23 24 feel that I acted inappropriately 2.5 towards you in terms of requesting

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1	confidential information, asking you
2	to vote in a particular direction,
3	leveraging you in any way at all
4	related to Town business?"
5	"No you did not. And frankly, I do
6	not recall us having any specific
7	conversations about any specific
8	issue or any direction on Council."
9	And so I read that out to you just to
10	provide a broader context versus what Mr. Marron was
11	trying to demonstrate earlier on.
12	So would you agree that based on Mr.
13	Chadwick's testimony that at no time would I have ever
14	asked him to do anything untowards on behalf of
15	PowerStream or in any way put him in a conflict of
16	interest based on his testimony?
17	MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Based on his
18	testimony, that appears to be the case.
19	MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you.
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21	(BRIEF PAUSE)
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23	MR. PAUL BONWICK: Based on our me
24	initially reaching out to Mr. Bentz, subsequent to
25	having a meeting with him, a phone call and then a

- 1 meeting, at some point in that chain you were brought
- 2 into the fold to be part of discussions. Is that
- 3 fair?
- 4 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 5 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Would it seem
- 6 reasonable or accurate to you that based on the level
- 7 of dialogue we were having, generally speaking within
- 8 the LDC world, more specifically within CHEC and then
- 9 more specifically again within PowerStream, that I
- 10 would have done or completed some amount of
- 11 significant research related to that?
- 12 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, that's
- 13 correct.
- 14 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Would it be safe to
- 15 say I could speak, as a layperson of course, somewhat
- 16 intelligently to the trends that were taking place or
- 17 had taken place within the LDC sector, who the major
- 18 players were as it related to amalgamations and
- 19 mergers?
- 20 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Some of that.
- 21 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I want to go to a
- 22 point at which time PowerStream chose to engage my
- 23 services, and I should do a precursor to that and just
- 24 suggest there -- you have seen several drafts
- 25 agreements back -- bouncing forth -- back and forth,

- 1 correct?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 3 MR. PAUL BONWICK: The drafts
- 4 continually get referred to as opposed to simply the
- 5 end document.
- 6 Would you have considered the drafts
- 7 that I was sending out to you or to Mr. Bentz part of
- 8 the negotiation process? More specific to the fee
- 9 structures?
- 10 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 11 MR. PAUL BONWICK: In fairness, I
- 12 don't think that there was a -- if you would agree
- 13 with this -- there wasn't a great deal of change as it
- 14 related to the methodologies and the deliverables,
- 15 there was a lot more discussion about fee structures
- 16 and whether there was going to be bonusing or not
- 17 bonusing, correct?
- 18 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct. And
- 19 whether -- and the 90-day, the initi -- going for a
- 20 90-day initial test period.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Right.
- 22 And you'll of course be aware that it
- 23 was not my intention to try to get a 90-day contract
- 24 with PowerStream, but I was hoping based on the model
- 25 that we had been discussing that this relationship

- 1 might go on for several years in order to build a
- 2 broader LDC, is that your interpretation?
- 3 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 4 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you.
- 5 During some of our discussion -- sorry,
- 6 during some of your earlier testimony you outlined
- 7 some of the services that I was providing to
- 8 PowerStream in terms of input da -- information
- 9 collection, providing opinions.
- 10 Are you also aware of the fact -- I
- 11 think you are -- but are you also aware of the fact
- 12 that as part of my responsibilities I helped set up
- 13 meetings with people within the provincial government
- 14 as well, Minister of Energ -- Energy's office to give
- 15 dialogue back and forth about things that were
- 16 happening within the industry?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: When that -- so,
- 18 yes, I'm aware, and when that occurred we -- I think
- 19 we curtailed that because our agreement said that we
- 20 did not want you to act as a lobbyist for us and
- 21 actually Sarah Griffiths think, one of my staff, made
- 22 that very clear and asked you no longer to set up any
- 23 meetings once we became aware and she set up the
- 24 meetings herself.
- 25 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Absolu --

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So I think that
- 2 you'd offered to do some things and we felt hey, wait
- 3 a sec, that's going beyond the scope and that's not
- 4 what we hired you for and so that was stopped.
- 5 MR. PAUL BONWICK: My interpretation
- 6 is exactly the same as yours. I -- I do -- recall
- 7 that direction being given that let's stick to the
- 8 scope of services and is it fair to say if PowerStream
- 9 wanted additional services beyond that, that they
- 10 would have to direct me at that time?
- 11 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct. And
- 12 then you would have to also register as a lobbyist for
- 13 PowerStream with the Ontario Government, which we had
- 14 not done.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: All right. There's
- 16 been some discussion surrounding how the community
- 17 fund came into play.
- 18 You've indicated that, for a lack of
- 19 better description or I'll paraphrase, it's sort of
- 20 standard business operating procedure for PowerStream
- 21 to include some type of community fund in any of the
- 22 mergers or acquisitions, post-merger acquisitions that
- 23 they get involved with.
- 24 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 25 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I think it's also

1 important to touch on the benefit of these kinds of

- 2 funds.
- 3 Is it reasonable to state that these
- 4 community funds that are set aside to support
- 5 initiatives within the community can have a very
- 6 significant and positive impact within a community?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 8 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you.
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Being a
- 10 responsible corporate citizen.
- 11 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Do you recall at
- 12 any time -- and you may have answered this, if I did I
- 13 missed because I was trying to take notes as you were
- 14 speaking.
- Do you recall at any time you or any
- 16 other member of the PowerStream team suggesting that I
- 17 not reach out or speak to any specific individual,
- 18 either on Council or on the Board or -- or staff
- 19 within Collus or the Town of Collingwood?
- 20 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think I'm -- I
- 21 think we've all stated that unfortunately, we did not
- 22 tell you to not -- stop -- we did not tell you to stop
- 23 getting us any confidential information.
- 24 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And in fairness,
- 25 the question wasn't specific to confidential

- 1 information. It was just about the process --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Other than that,
- 3 no.
- 4 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- itself. So
- 5 would it seem reasonable to you that if, in fact, I
- 6 was reaching out to any number of different people,
- 7 whether municipal Collus Board elected officials, if
- 8 information was being shared in an unqualified manner,
- 9 would it make sense that I wouldn't relay that
- 10 information to PowerStream or that I would, as an
- 11 individual, try to determine what you should or
- 12 shouldn't get?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So in retrospect
- 14 --
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: I'm asking you
- 16 about then, not now.
- 17 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yeah. Well,
- 18 given that the information shouldn't have come,
- 19 whether -- how it came to you, and that it's
- 20 confidential, is that I think, in retrospect, I think
- 21 your judgment would be, and our judgment would be that
- 22 you shouldn't have shared that information, and you
- 23 shouldn't have had that information.
- 24 MR. PAUL BONWICK: In -- in
- 25 retrospect, when we look back and we go --

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 2 MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- Yeah, that might
- 3 have been sensitive information, but when you're
- 4 having a general discussion with somebody over the
- 5 phone or in a meeting, and you're asking questions
- 6 like, When is the meeting taking place, or, How is the
- 7 schedule going, if information like that is shared,
- 8 and not qualified, but -- but please don't pass it
- 9 along, well, it only makes sense that I would pass
- 10 that information along.
- 11 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: If they're
- 12 telling you not to pass it along, then yes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Right. Thank you.
- 14 During your career with PowerStream, were you ever
- 15 recruited by a -- a third party, somebody else in the
- 16 private sector? Did anybody ever reach out to you and
- 17 suggest you might consider a position somewhere else?
- 18 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Somewhere else,
- 19 or just the private sector? Because there's a
- 20 difference between the two (2). I was reached out by
- 21 -- for other -- other positions.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Right. And I sort
- 23 of lump the LDC world somewhat into the private sector
- 24 --
- 25 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: It would be

- 1 outside of the LDC world I was reached out for.
- 2 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Right. And so
- 3 obviously, after a long and distinguished career with
- 4 PowerStream, and recently retiring, you obviously did
- 5 not take them up on their offer or their recruitment?
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I'm -- I'm --
- 7 that was while I was at PowerStream.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Correct, and so my
- 9 point to that -- and sorry if I'm not asking you
- 10 clearly enough -- when you were -- when third parties
- 11 were trying to recruit you for other organizations,
- 12 you didn't go?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's correct.
- 14 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Right. And so when
- 15 these offers were being made, did you feel that
- 16 somehow you were in a conflict, when, in fact, you
- 17 turned down offers to become involved with those
- 18 companies?
- 19 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No. No, I did
- 20 not feel it was in a conflict.
- 21 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I want to get to
- 22 the question of the solar power attic vent. And so
- 23 specific to the solar power attic vent, I'm curious
- 24 about in your -- in your affidavit, you state, had you
- 25 been aware that Mr. Houghton and Mr. Bonwick had

- 1 commercial interests in this, that you would not have
- 2 gauged Mr. -- engaged Mr. Bonwick.
- 3 Did I understand that properly?
- 4 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- 5 MR. PAUL BONWICK: How did you come to
- 6 the determination that Mr. Houghton was, in fact,
- 7 involved? Because there's been no evidence brought
- 8 forward that shows that was, in fact, the case.
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: So -- so I may
- 10 have misread some of the Foundation Documents, but in
- 11 -- there was one (1) email that suggested there was
- 12 being offered a certain percentage ownership.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Right.
- 14 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Whether that
- 15 resulted or not, and -- and that was how I was making
- 16 that.
- 17 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Fair enough. So if
- 18 Mr. Houghton declined, did not engage, or have --
- 19 never did become a partner, never did invest money or
- 20 bring money out of it, then your opinion would be, I
- 21 assume, that there is no conflict?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes and no,
- 23 because the point was that's being -- that -- that was
- 24 being negotiated at the same time as he was doing --
- $25\,$  as he was marking that product to us --

- 1 MR. PAUL BONWICK: But --
- 2 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- that him and
- 3 you were marketing that -- and that should have been
- 4 disclosure of that whole thing.
- 5 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Sorry. And -- and
- 6 I'm going to get into that in -- in just a couple of
- 7 minutes here as it relates to the solar vent itself,
- 8 but you're not aware -- you were not privy to any
- 9 negotiations or anything in that other than what
- 10 you've read in the Foundation Documents?
- 11 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Correct.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Excuse me. Are you
- 13 aware of the fact that as part of the marketing -- the
- 14 sales and marketing campaign that took place with the
- 15 solar attic rev -- roof vent -- big statement -- that
- 16 one (1) of my -- a company that I have shares in
- 17 actually took on the task -- not Compenso
- 18 specifically, but took on the tasks of hiring three
- 19 (3) people to do door-to-door campaigns to try to get
- 20 residents engaged in the process, both in Collingwood
- 21 and Wasaga Beach.
- Were you aware of that?
- 23 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No. No, I was
- 24 not aware.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Were you aware of

1 the fact that we participated and staffed booths at --

- 2 the -- not country market -- the farm markets that
- 3 have taken place within this region?
- 4 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No, I was not
- 5 aware.
- 6 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Are you aware of
- 7 the fact that we had one (1) person on the road trying
- 8 to garner greater uptake in terms of participation in
- 9 the solar attic vent initiative?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Thank you. As an
- 12 accountant, you can appreciate there would be
- 13 significant costs associated with all those
- 14 responsibilities?
- 15 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, but I --
- 16 that doesn't change any of the comments I made in --
- 17 in the affidavit.
- 18 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And I'm not
- 19 suggesting that. I'm simply articulating out that you
- 20 can appreciate that, based on the initiative that was
- 21 underway, which in fairness, you weren't aware of,
- 22 there was significant resources being brought to bear
- 23 in terms of promoting the uptake on that vent? That
- 24 was really where I was going with it.
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: (NO AUDIBLE

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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
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                  MR. PAUL BONWICK: Sorry, Your Honour,
   just -- I'm just --
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                   THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
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   Go ahead, Mr. Bonwick. I understand, Mr. Bonwick.
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                  MR. PAUL BONWICK: -- looking at notes
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  I was taking last night.
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                          (BRIEF PAUSE)
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14 CONTINUED BY MR. PAUL BONWICK:
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                  MR. PAUL BONWICK: You have alluded to
   in your -- or stated I think quite clearly, if I -- in
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   my interpretation anyways, in your affidavit, the type
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   of engagement that I was providing PowerStream
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   specific to the Collus share offering.
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                  And that -- what I understood, and I'd
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   like some clarification on that, if I understood it
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   correctly, you were suggesting that I was a very
   significant proponent, almost on behalf of the Town of
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   Collingwood for PowerStream to put forward the most
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   lucrative and most attractive bid possible.
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- 1 Is that a fair assessment?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 3 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Mr. Nolan in fact
- 4 in his earlier testimony had stated something along
- 5 the lines, I was sometimes questioning which side you
- 6 were working for.
- 7 Is that a fair assessment from your
- 8 perspective?
- 9 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 10 MR. PAUL BONWICK: At any time during
- 11 our engagement, either very limited on phone, or email
- 12 and -- and meeting, did you find me doing anything
- 13 under -- other than trying to promote additional value
- 14 for the Town of Collingwood?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Well, I think you
- 16 were trying to get us to be the successful proponent
- 17 in addition to that.
- 18 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so coming full
- 19 circle to where I started, that I had done significant
- 20 -- in your opinion, significant research in terms of
- 21 the industry and who the major players were, would it
- 22 be fair to say, based on the fact that I approached
- 23 PowerStream, that I felt that PowerStream would
- 24 absolutely make the best partner for the Town of
- 25 Collingwood?

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I can't say that
- 2 I -- yesterday I think someone asked me to go over the
- 3 pros and cons. One of the things I suggested was that
- 4 we were the first ones you came to and that if we had
- 5 not engaged you, you might have gone to Horizon or
- 6 Veridian. So you might have picked us first but I
- 7 don't know that you would have made the judgment that
- 8 we were the best or not.
- 9 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Would it make sense
- 10 then to you that if I went to you first, that I might
- 11 hold you in the highest regard and that the others may
- 12 be...
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Possibly.
- 14 MR. PAUL BONWICK: The -- the work
- 15 that was completed by PowerStream in terms of their
- 16 attempt to acquire 50 cent -- percent of the sale
- 17 share of Collus, we've heard significant evidence that
- 18 it was predicated on a much larger or grander vision
- 19 as it related to consolidation within the industry.
- Is that your understanding?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Definitely, yes.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: Would you agree
- 23 that if that model had of unfolded as envisioned, that
- 24 it had the potential to drive significant economic
- 25 benefit for the Town of Collingwood?

- 1 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, I'd agree.
- 2 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Post transaction,
- 3 we've heard to some degree about your various
- 4 experience and very significant experience within the
- 5 LDC sector, mergers and acquisitions. Recognizing
- 6 that a couple of years ago you certainly may have had
- 7 a bit of a bias here, but you've been retired from
- 8 PowerStream for a couple of years, or Alectra now, and
- 9 I give that qualifier for -- for a very important
- 10 reason, is it in your opinion that Collingwood at that
- 11 time, 2011, received a very strong positive, lucrative
- 12 share purchase sale with PowerStream?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes. In my
- 14 opinion at that time that we gave very good value to
- 15 the Town for 50 percent of the --
- 16 MR. PAUL BONWICK: You've demonstrated
- 17 that your cost calculation in terms of your offer is
- 18 around 1.6. When I looked at the numbers, and I don't
- 19 need to bring them back up, but it looked -- the
- 20 previous decade, the average is around 1.24.
- 21 So again, from a financial perspective,
- 22 you would have to state that they received
- 23 significantly above fair market value, in your
- 24 opinion?
- 25 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Mar -- market

- 1 value is determined at a -- at a period of time. I
- 2 think they -- I think, you know, without getting into
- 3 the criteria, was 30 percent financial, 70 percent
- 4 non-financial. If it had been 70 percent financial,
- 5 30 percent non-financial, I'm not sure PowerStream
- 6 would have been the successful proponent, but overall,
- 7 you know, I think the assessment of the committee, I -
- 8 I can't go back to that -- their committee
- 9 assessment, including KPMG, was that ours was the best
- 10 --
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: You've --
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: -- bid, combined,
- 13 financial and non-financial.
- 14 MR. PAUL BONWICK: You've heard
- 15 testimony and you've experienced it firsthand. Was it
- 16 your opinion that the Town of Collingwood was after
- 17 more than simply a financial transaction, but was
- 18 looking for the long-term view of a good working
- 19 partner that would allow them to expand their
- 20 footprint within the LDC sector in this part of Simcoe
- 21 County and possibly beyond?
- 22 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's what I
- 23 understood.
- MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so that message
- 25 was consistent with the Board of Directors for Collus

- 1 as well?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: That's what I
- 3 understand.
- 4 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so once
- 5 PowerStream was chosen, are you aware of the fact that
- 6 it was a unanimous vote and recommendation from the
- 7 Collus Board to Council?
- 8 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Only based on
- 9 what I read in the Foundation Document.
- 10 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Okay. So then I
- 11 won't ask you to comment on the Council vote as well
- 12 because it'll be just as a result of that.
- Were you involved actively in the post
- 14 merger for the next year or so?
- 15 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: I think the
- 16 amount of effort I -- within went down because we had
- 17 reps on the Board. Mr. Bentz, Mr. Horchik, and Mayor
- 18 Lehman were on the Board. My Staff provided
- 19 assistance, particularly on the regulatory side, with
- 20 the rate submission and also on the -- and then some
- 21 financial -- but I really -- you know, I had less and
- 22 less to do with it -- with it -- with Collus
- 23 Powerstream as a -- as time went on.
- 24 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Fair enough. So
- 25 based on your limited involvement and based on the

- 1 feedback you would have received from Board members
- 2 and others that were working with the Collus Power
- 3 team -- Collus PowerStream team, could you describe
- 4 the working environment, the cultural environment over
- 5 the course of the next year?
- 6 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: What I was told
- 7 was it was positive.
- 8 MR. PAUL BONWICK: You obviously spent
- 9 a lot of time, I assume -- I shouldn't make that
- 10 assumption -- based on your responsibilities with
- 11 PowerStream.
- Do you spend a lot of time out in the
- 13 LDC world in terms of conferences, association
- 14 meetings? Is there engagement with the broader LDC
- 15 sector as part of your responsibilities as EVP and
- 16 CFO?
- MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes, there was.
- 18 MR. PAUL BONWICK: And so over the
- 19 course of that first year, from your industry peers,
- 20 what was the feedback you received as it related to
- 21 the transaction?
- 22 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: They thought it
- 23 was a very unique transaction.
- 24 MR. PAUL BONWICK: I can interpret
- 25 that any number of different ways. Was there any

- 1 negative feedback as it related to the transaction?
- 2 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: No.
- 3 MR. PAUL BONWICK: Is it fair to say
- 4 that in the uniqueness there was very positive
- 5 feedback on different occasions related to this
- 6 transaction?
- 7 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Yes.
- 8 MR. PAUL BONWICK: That ends my
- 9 questions, Your Honour, and thank you very much, Mr.
- 10 Glicksman.
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 12 you, Mr. Bonwick.
- 13 Ms. Bain...?
- MS. BELINDA BAIN: We have no
- 15 questions for Mr. Glicksman, Your Honour.
- 16 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 17 you. Mr. Glicksman, thank you for your evidence.
- 18 MR. JOHN GLICKSMAN: Thank you.
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: We'll
- 20 take lunch for an hour and then we'll start with Mr.
- 21 Houghton.
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- 23 --- Upon recessing at 12:44 p.m.
- 24 --- Upon resuming at 1:47 p.m.
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1 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Go

- 2 ahead, Mr. Chenoweth. Ready when you are.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you,
- 4 Your Honour. Thank you. Very good.

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6 EDWIN DONALD HOUGHTON, Sworn

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- 8 EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 10 Mr. Houghton, we're going to start off with some
- 11 evidence with respect to your professional background.
- 12 And, Your Honour, I may lead the
- 13 witness to some extent with respect to these
- 14 non-controversial matters.
- 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: You
- 16 can lead on any matters that are not controversial.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 18 That, I think, is time efficient.

- 20 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: In any
- 22 event, I understand that from the years 2000 to 2013,
- 23 you were executive director, engineering and public
- 24 works at the Town of Collingwood?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, I was.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I
- 2 understand that another position you held in this
- 3 jurisdiction was as acting chief administrative
- 4 officer for the Town of Collingwood. Is that correct?
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you did
- 7 that from April of 2012 to May of 2013.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 10 And I also understand that from 1978 to December of
- 11 2013, you were president and chief executive officer,
- 12 Collingwood Public Utilities.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. I actually
- 14 began my -- my employment with Collingwood Public
- 15 Utilities in 1978, and through those years, I
- 16 progressed to become president and CEO.
- 17 And as executive director of the Town
- 18 of Collingwood, I was never an employee of the Town of
- 19 Collingwood. I was virtually a volunteer that was
- 20 seconded from -- by the Town of Collingwood from my
- 21 original position.
- 22 And I think, as Mr. Fryer continues to
- 23 talk about sometimes, it's -- Your Honour, it's called
- 24 in kind. So I was an in-kind service.
- 25 And as well, the same thing is for the

- 1 13 months that I was the chief administrative officer,
- 2 I was not an employee of the Town of Collingwood. I
- 3 was seconded by -- by the Town of Collingwood from --
- 4 from Collus, which was my employ at that -- employer
- 5 at that time.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 7 So I take it that Collus was always your employer?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Collus and its
- 9 sort of predecessor companies, correct.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good.
- 11 And you were president and chief executive officer of
- 12 Collus PowerStream corporation from when to when?
- 13 1978? Is that accurate?
- 14 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah. Again,
- 15 what I was trying to say was that I -- I grew up
- 16 through the -- the ranks to become president and CEO
- 17 around 2000. I -- I don't recollect the actual --
- 18 dates weren't good for me and, as well, titles
- 19 weren't -- weren't important to me.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 21 And you held that position until June 2016. Is that
- 22 correct?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 25 And so that you were president and chief executive

- 1 officer of Collus -- Collus Power in the period 2010,
- 2 2011, and 2012.
- 3 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 5 Now, you indicated that at all times, you were an
- 6 employee of -- is it Collus the holding company or
- 7 Collus Power, or who were you an employee of?
- 8 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Collus Solutions
- 9 was my actual employer.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I
- 11 understand. Thank you. And you advised that you held
- 12 a number of other positions, and you indicated that
- 13 for some period of time, you acted as CAO of the Town
- 14 for, I think, about 13 months.
- 15 Did you receive any salary in addition
- 16 to the salary you received as an employee of Collus
- 17 Solutions?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: No, sir.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 20 And when you were president and chief executive
- 21 officer of Collingwood Public Utilities, did you
- 22 receive any salary in addition to the salary you got
- 23 with Collus Solutions?
- 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: My salary was
- 25 actually based on being both president and CEO of

- 1 Collus as -- as well as Collingwood Public Utilities.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 3 And again as executive director, engineering in public
- 4 works, did you receive any additional salary for doing
- 5 those tasks?
- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I did not receive
- 7 compensation from the Town of Collingwood. No, I did
- 8 not.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: These
- 10 in-kind services that you've described and that
- 11 Mr. Fryer referred to, over and above the salary you
- 12 got from Collus Solutions was there some savings to
- 13 the Town as a result of your taking on these other
- 14 tasks?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely.
- 16 When -- when Council came to the Board of Collus or
- 17 whatever predecessor company it was at the time, they
- 18 asked that they liked how we were handling the outside
- 19 operations.
- Mr. Ken Astill, who was our Town
- 21 engineer at the time, was retiring, and they asked if
- 22 we could take over those operations. And we did so
- 23 willingly. And so I took over those operations for
- 24 thirteen (13) years.
- 25 And we -- Collus paid my -- paid my

- 1 wage. We did not bill the Town of Collingwood. I did
- 2 receive a car allowance, and I -- I can't recollect
- 3 whether it was 125 or 150 or \$200. I can't remember.
- 4 And that started many, many years later.
- 5 But they -- the Town of Collingwood
- 6 probably with -- with my wage and -- and benefits,
- 7 OMERS, et cetera, was probably in excess of
- 8 \$3.2 million that they saved.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good.
- 10 Now, I understand that the -- through the time that
- 11 you held the position as you've described that you had
- 12 the good fortune to receive a number of awards for the
- 13 services you've provided.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 16 And I understand that you were the recipient of the
- 17 Order of Collingwood on or about January 1st, 1999?
- 18 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 20 And can you tell me the -- what the purpose of that
- 21 particular award was?
- 22 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: The Order of
- 23 Collingwood is given to a number of -- of Collingwood
- 24 residents on an annual basis based on their
- 25 volunteerism, based on the benefits that they bring to

- 1 the community.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 3 I understand that in February of 2002, you received
- 4 the Presidential Citation from the Electricity
- 5 Distributors Association.
- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Can you tell
- 8 me something of the nature of that award if you would,
- 9 please.
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I think in a
- 11 similar fashion, the -- the EDA Electricity
- 12 Distributors Association is an association -- a
- 13 provincial association.
- 14 And based on work that you have been
- 15 putting into the industry, the representation that you
- 16 give, the benefit that you give to the -- to the local
- 17 distribution companies in Ontario, it was an honour to
- 18 be -- to receive the president's Citation Award or
- 19 whatever it was called.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Citation, I
- 21 believe. In any event, I also understand that you
- 22 were awarded the Citizen of the Year Award from the
- 23 Collingwood District Chamber of Commerce in or about
- 24 November of 2002.
- 25 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. Actually,

- 1 His Worship, Mayor Geddes, was the one who gave me at
- 2 that -- at that evening which was, again, not
- 3 expected. I'm not -- I'm not sure it's one of their
- 4 ongoing awards, but that was what it was called, and
- 5 it's on my wall.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 7 And what was that -- what was the function of that
- 8 award, and what did the award acknowledge?
- 9 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I spent a great
- 10 deal of time throughout my life -- I'm a third
- 11 generation of Collingwood -- spent a great deal of
- 12 time volunteering, whether it be the Ontario Winter
- 13 Games or any of those kinds of things.
- 14 I worked with Rogers. I worked with
- 15 MacLean-Hunter, the predecessor of Rogers. I -- I did
- 16 the Santa Claus parade, and I -- I did -- I work with
- 17 the Salvation Army. I -- so there's quite a few
- 18 things that I did throughout that period of time, and
- 19 it was recognized.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You were an
- 21 active and contributing citizen to the community of
- 22 Collingwood . Is that correct?
- 23 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: This is my
- 24 community.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.

- 1 You were also the recipient of the Warren Fuller award
- 2 in May of 2005. Can you tell me what the Warren
- 3 Fuller award is and its jurisdictional breadth, if you
- 4 could, please?
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: The -- the
- 6 American Water Works Association provides the
- 7 opportunity for one recipient in Ontario per year to
- 8 receive an award based again on what you be able -- or
- 9 you're able to provide or to -- to enhance the water
- 10 industry.
- 11 And that was immediately following --
- 12 we had a suspected cryptosporidium issue in the Town
- 13 of Collingwood, and we worked our way through that.
- 14 And it was recognized with the George Warren Fuller
- 15 Award.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 17 I understand that also you were presented with the
- 18 OMWA Industry Leadership Award in 2013. Can you tell
- 19 me what the purpose and function of that award is?
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: They're all
- 21 pretty much the same where basically it's -- it's what
- 22 you give to the water industry in Ontario.
- 23 We try to create a better environment
- 24 for -- for the people of Ontario from a clean water
- 25 perspective. And I actually was the first person

- 1 called to go to the Walkerton crisis, and I testified
- 2 at the Walkerton Inquiry. And I actually ran the
- 3 system for the first week and helped them with a lot
- 4 of the -- the media scrums that they had that first
- 5 week.
- 6 And -- and then we -- they had asked if
- 7 Collingwood would take -- would help them on a
- 8 go-forward basis, but we were too small. So I
- 9 suggested that they engage the Ontario Clean Water
- 10 Agency that had significant more resources than we
- 11 did.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good.
- 13 I also understand that in 2012, the OMWA gave you an
- 14 Exceptional Merit Award.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 17 And what's --
- 18 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: You're telling me
- 19 because I've forgotten to all those things but yes.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: What is the
- 21 purpose and function of that award?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I would expect
- 23 again --
- 24 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: You
- 25 can lead on this if you want --

- 1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --
- 3 because you're testing Mr. Houghton's memory --
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: My face is
- 5 getting redder.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right.
- 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --
- 8 about the award, and he --
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Well, I did
- 10 give the --
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --
- 12 probably doesn't want to admit that he may not
- 13 remember all the criteria.
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. I
- 15 did give him the award, and frankly, he'll have to
- 16 take it from there.
- 17 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah. My face is
- 18 getting redder, too, Your Worship -- or Your Honour.
- 19 It's the same -- same kind of criteria.
- 20 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: These
- 21 are community -- awards recognizing community service?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah. Well, main
- 23 -- a lot of them have been now provincially. And the
- 24 one (1) is internationally, which is the George Warren
- 25 Fuller. And then the Order of Collingwood, which

- 1 actually I wore my pin today was for Collingwood. And
- 2 citizen of the year was for Collingwood and those
- 3 things, yes.

- 5 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Now, we're
- 7 going to move for some period of time to the process
- 8 in which the Town and Collus Power became involved in
- 9 2010, 2011, and 2012.
- 10 And in that respect, could you tell me
- 11 something of the environment that the -- that Collus
- 12 Power, a local distribution company, found itself in
- 13 in 2010 and 2011?
- 14 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely. And
- 15 I -- I think to give it some context, I -- I was also
- 16 -- I was on the Board of the AMU, which was the
- 17 Association of Municipal Electric Utilities, which
- 18 changed into the MEA, which is the Municipal Electric
- 19 Association, which changed into the EDA, which is the
- 20 Electricity Distributors Association.
- 21 I was the only one that actual sat on
- 22 all three (3) of those boards, and so I was
- 23 significantly involved along the way in Ontario
- 24 primarily representing the needs and wants and desires
- 25 of the small and medium utilities in Ontario.

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1 And -- and I always thought on an
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- 2 annual basis when we were doing our annual report, it
- 3 would have been nice to say, you know, this was a year
- 4 of -- of calm where we were able to do these things
- 5 and catch up and -- and that, but that -- that was
- 6 never the case.
- 7 Irrespective of -- of, you know, where
- 8 I heard Ms. -- heard Mr. Freeman say that, you know,
- 9 there -- all these things weren't happening, a small
- 10 utility has to have this -- has the same regulatory
- 11 burden as a large utility, it's just more difficult
- 12 for us to deal with.
- But going back to, like, 1989, you
- 14 know, there was the -- the demand supply plan. We
- 15 were involved with the demand supply plan. We
- 16 actually were able to -- even though we weren't part
- 17 of the DSP area, we are actually able to enhance one
- 18 (1) of our opportunities with -- with the Magna plant
- 19 that's on the -- on the west side of Collingwood.
- 20 And then in, like, 1995, I think they
- 21 had the Macdonald Committee (sic) report which I wa --
- 22 I helped contribute into some of the information of
- 23 the MacDonald Committee report. And that, you know,
- 24 sort of created advice on, you know, the competition
- 25 in the electricity industry and provide recommenta --

- 1 recommendations onto some of the restructuring that
- 2 would -- that they were anticipating that was going to
- 3 take place.
- Then back, I think, in 1998,
- 5 thereabouts, we had the Energy Competition Act. And
- 6 that was what authorized the restructuring of the
- 7 electricity industry.
- 8 And then, in 1999, the old -- the old
- 9 Ontario Hydro, this was on the -- the conservative
- 10 government, under the -- the old Ontario Hydro was
- 11 split up into five (5) successor companies, one (1)
- 12 which was -- is now called OPG, Ontario Power
- 13 Generation, OEFC, which was the finance, ESA, which
- 14 was the -- the former -- these -- the safety folks is
- 15 now Electri -- Electricity Safety Association.
- 16 There was now Hydro One. It was -- it
- 17 was a different name at the very beginning, but it's
- 18 now Hydro One, and then the IESO. And -- and I was
- 19 actually on the founding Board of the IESO, or IMO.
- 20 The -- the pers -- the lady that --
- 21 that was here from -- from OEB, she's actually
- 22 currently on the Board of the IESO, and was on the
- 23 Board for six (6) years. And -- and what we did was
- 24 we put together all of the -- the market rules.
- So, we spent days and days and days

- 1 looking at the market rules. And I take -- I take no
- 2 ownership to some of them that happened and -- and
- 3 didn't work so well in Ontario, but that's -- that's
- 4 what we did.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I take it
- 6 what you're --
- 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: That
- 8 was Ms. Chaplain, was it? That was Ms. Chaplain?
- 9 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. I'm sorry,
- 10 I didn't know where the sound was coming from.
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: It's a
- 12 -- it's a challenge here to -- that's part of the
- 13 challenge of the witness. We question you at the same
- 14 time and...
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: And -- and as --
- 16 I keep putting my head like this because I don't hear
- 17 the well -- any -- as well as I used to, so.
- 18 And then I think the Electricity
- 19 Restructuring Act came in in -- in 2004. And -- and
- 20 then -- and then, at that point in time, I think they
- 21 -- they established the OPA, the Ontario Power
- 22 Authority, which then started the conservation. So,
- 23 we -- we're now trying to promote energy conservation,
- 24 renewable supply and those kinds of things, and -- and
- 25 so, OPA started in that time.

- 1 And then -- then we had the Green
- 2 Energy Act. And that sort of shifted our entire world
- 3 upside down.

- 5 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I think what
- 7 you're -- I think what you're telling us, Mr.
- 8 Houghton, is that, as time progressed, the LDC
- 9 industry became an increasingly regulated industry.
- 10 Is that right?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And that --
- 13 that provided challenges, particularly for small LDCs?
- 14 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 16 And I take it that the increasing regulation was one
- 17 (1) of your challenges. Was there other challenges
- 18 that -- that presented themselves as 2010 and 2011
- 19 dawned?
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely. And
- 21 I was -- in -- in 2010. And my apologies if I
- 22 pontificated too long. But one (1) of the things that
- 23 we -- we were looking at, if -- if you could look at
- 24 it as a -- as a graph, if you have the -- going to the
- 25 upper access, I mean, that -- if that's your demand,

- 1 our demand was starting to -- to decrease. And I
- 2 don't mean just Collingwood. I mean, in -- in
- 3 Ontario.
- A lot of the utilities have -- in --
- 5 have a decreasing demand. And that's because of the
- 6 co -- the introduction now of conservation and, as
- 7 well, because we're losing industries and those kinds
- 8 of things, like, because in Collingwood, we had -- you
- 9 know, we had two (2) or three (3) lar -- we -- we were
- 10 considered large users, which are over 5 megawatts.
- 11 As an example, like, I think, at one
- 12 (1) point in time, Pilkington, or LOF, was -- was,
- 13 like, 6 1/2 megawatts. I -- I'm not sure what they
- 14 would be today, but I'd be surprised if they're much
- 15 more than 3 or 3 1/2. So, we --
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So, there
- 17 was -- there was less industrial users, particularly
- 18 in your community?
- 19 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, I think --
- 20 I think, generally speaking, there was less. And so -
- 21 so, not only do we have a de -- decrease in demand,
- 22 we also have on -- on the horizontal access we have,
- 23 you know, increasing costs and, at some point in time,
- 24 they're about to cross, so that's -- that's a concern.
- 25 There's -- there's also the regulatory

- 1 burden. And -- and, again, as I've mentioned, that
- 2 because of the regulatory burden, small utilities have
- 3 to -- have to be able to answer all of the same kinds
- 4 of things that a larger utility does.
- And, typically, we don't have the sort
- 6 of resources to be able to do that. We either have to
- 7 out source them or we -- or we try to work with other
- 8 utilities or we -- you know, we try to do whatever we
- 9 can do with -- within that.
- 10 And then there's also the risk and how
- 11 do you mitigate risk. And we -- we had -- in, I
- 12 believe, 2010 we had -- one (1) of our industries had
- 13 a bit of an issue. I continued to work with them, as
- 14 well as Mr. Fryer. We all were working with them.
- 15 And, unfortunately, even though we had
- 16 guarantees of payment, the -- the --
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You're
- 18 talking about -- you're talking about a collection
- 19 challenge of some kind?
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah. Yeah, from
- 21 a collection perspective. I forget the -- who co --
- 22 the -- the -- not the sheriff, but whoever comes in.
- 23 And they -- they basically shut it down and -- and we
- 24 lost two (2) or -- three (3) or four hundred thousand
- 25 dollars (\$400,000), whatever it happened to be at the

- 1 time, and that's -- that's certainly a risk.
- And -- and so, we -- we, as a utility,
- 3 have to balance all of that. Like, we -- way back
- 4 when, our -- our energy bills could be put on the tax
- 5 roll and we would become a preferred creditor like a
- 6 municipality; that doesn't happen today.
- 7 So, we actually -- we -- we lose that
- 8 money. And then that has to be made up by the -- the
- 9 citizens of the community, so. So, we -- we try to
- 10 balance all of those kinds of things.
- So, there's -- there was a whole bunch
- 12 of things that we were looking at. The -- and -- and
- 13 the big thing is our customer, which is why we're
- 14 here. We're -- we're only here because of the
- 15 customer.
- Our customer -- when I first started,
- 17 our customer got a bill. They paid the bill. But
- 18 then they became more engaged. They became -- they --
- 19 they were able to get more information. They were --
- 20 they were asking more questions. They were demanding
- 21 more things. They wanted -- they wanted more for what
- 22 -- what they were paying for, rightfully so.
- 23 And we have smart meters. And -- and a
- 24 smart meter doesn't just allow us to read the meter;
- 25 it has the ability to do so many other things. So, we

- 1 -- there's -- there's also the concern of how do we
- 2 meet the -- the demands of that -- of the needs,
- 3 wants, and desires of that -- that ever changing, more
- 4 communicated with, more knowledgeable customer, and
- 5 that's -- that's from the residential customer through
- 6 the commercial through to the industrial customers.
- 7 So, that's -- that's -- all of those
- 8 kinds of things are what we have -- we were thinking
- 9 about of the things that are changing within the
- 10 environment in the Province of Ontario at that time.
- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 12 And I take it those multitudinous challenges were the
- 13 topic of conversation at Collus Power, a the Board of
- 14 Collus Power, and -- and at Collus generally. Is that
- 15 the case?
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely. We -
- 17 we are fortunate to have a wonderful group of folks
- 18 on our Board. We are populated with skill sets that
- 19 wa -- was the envy of a lot of utilities for sure.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. And,
- 21 in that respect, I take it, and we'll -- we'll not
- 22 spend a lot of time on the detail of this because
- 23 we've heard something of it, you had Dean Muncaster as
- 24 the Chair of your particular Board?
- 25 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Dean Muncaster

- 1 was our Chair, yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes, and you
- 3 reported to Mr. Muncaster?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely, and
- 5 not only did I report to him, he was my -- he was my
- 6 mentor. He was probably the most person -- person I
- 7 ever -- like, I respected him more than anybody in my
- 8 entire life.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good.
- 10 And I understand that David McFadden
- 11 was also on your Board in or about 2010, 2011, 2012?
- 12 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 13 David McFadden is -- is an icon in the electric
- 14 industry and during the 2003 blackout, well, I was --
- 15 because I was part of the -- as I mentioned, the ISO
- 16 and I'm -- I'm -- I'm every day, three (3) or four (4)
- 17 times a day, even through the middle of the night,
- 18 telling all these people on the telephone how we're
- 19 bringing the energy back on to -- to reduce this
- 20 blackout. David is on his way to -- to the U.S. to
- 21 try to figure out what was the cause of why we had the
- 22 issue coming back into Ontario.
- 23 So he -- he was -- he was amazing and
- 24 he -- I'm not sure of pontificate is a bad word, but
- 25 he -- he told you everything that he knew about the

- 1 electric industry every time you met him because he
- 2 was so excited about the electric industry.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Isn't that
- 4 interesting.
- 5 Now, I understand that you had a
- 6 retreat of certain Collus Power people and others on
- 7 or about January 14th, 2010?
- 8 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And where
- 10 was that retreat held?
- 11 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: It was held
- 12 locally at a local hotel, Georgian Manor Resort, if it
- 13 was still that name back then.
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 15 And can you tell me who was in attendance at that
- 16 event?
- 17 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Certainly all of
- 18 our board were there, our water side, our senior
- 19 staff.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: When you say
- 21 all of your board, you're talking about more than --
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Sorry, the Collus
- 23 --
- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Collus
- 25 Power? You're talking about Collus?

1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: All of the Collus

- 2 boards.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Give me the
- 4 names, if you would?
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Of the boards or
- 6 the people?
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: No, give me
- 8 the names of the people that were in attendance.
- 9 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Okay. I'm going
- 10 by memory, would be certainly Dean Muncaster, David
- 11 McFadden, Mike Edwards, who was a Council member, he
- 12 was on our Board, her Worship -- no, Mayor Carrier was
- 13 there at the time, myself, Mr. Fryer, Pam Hogg, Larry
- 14 Irwin, Doug Garbutt -- I'm just going by memory.
- 15 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And Mr.
- 16 McFadden was there?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Mr. McFadden was
- 18 definitely there. He gave us the presentation, yes.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 20 And could we go to that presentation,
- 21 which is TOC516594, could you pull that up please.
- 22 And scroll slowly through the whole
- 23 document if you would, first of all, and then we'll
- 24 come back to the top of it.
- 25 And I take it, it appears to be a slide

- 1 deck prepared by Mr. McFadden, is that right?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, yes, it is.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 4 Go through it if you would. Keep going. Well there's
- 5 21 pages so we're not going to go through the entire
- 6 thing as a -- as precursor --
- 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Please
- 8 don't do that.

- 10 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: But I
- 12 understand that Mr. McFadden made some -- first of all
- 13 you had a speaker there on that occasion, is that
- 14 right?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah, we actually
- 16 asked a gentleman named John DelZotto and John
- 17 DelZotto is part of the DelZotto family that owned
- 18 Tridel.
- 19 And John is the -- one of the sons and
- 20 he -- he's a visionary, he -- he -- he sees things
- 21 that everybody else doesn't see and he looks for
- 22 opportunities that everybody doesn't normally see.
- 23 And so I -- I knew John and he -- he
- 24 was just an exciting person, so what we did was we
- 25 asked him to come speak to us to kind of get our

- 1 creative juices flowing.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 3 And did he adequately perform that
- 4 function of getting your creative juices flowing?
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely. I
- 6 think -- I think Joan Pajunen said it best, like she
- 7 just couldn't believe how he presented things and the
- 8 ideas that he had, yes.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 10 And then I take it that Mr. McFadden followed with his
- 11 presentation?
- 12 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And can you
- 14 tell me the highlights that you took from Mr.
- 15 McFadden's presentation?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well again, I
- 17 think -- I think what -- what David is trying to do,
- 18 he's trying to lend us his -- his vast experience on
- 19 the fact that our industry continues to change and --
- 20 and that's why even when you looked at just the few
- 21 years that I talked about, every time we turn around
- 22 there's either new policy, a new government which has
- 23 completely different changes and plans and those kinds
- 24 of things, and we have to react to it.
- 25 But I think more importantly what David

- 1 was trying to say to us are -- our industry is aging.
- 2 Right across Canada we are all sort of growing up
- 3 together. So that -- that was an issue. And -- and
- 4 that -- that he felt status quo was not an option
- 5 anymore, that we needed to, if we wanted to deliver
- 6 better programs, we needed to deliver a -- a bigger
- 7 and better benefits to our -- our -- our customers and
- 8 to our shareholder. We needed to look at ourselves,
- 9 we needed to throw ourselves in a box, shake it up,
- 10 throw it on the table and look at it with completely
- 11 different eyes.
- 12 And -- and -- and David has always been
- 13 a proponent of that where -- where if you -- if you
- 14 stay stagnant, that's exactly what happens, you don't
- 15 move forward. And if you don't move forward, you're
- 16 not -- you're not doing the best job that you can for
- 17 those that you serve.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Was there
- 19 any discussions about approaches that one might take
- 20 to that particular problem at that meeting?
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, I -- I
- 22 think -- I think in the -- you know, again, David was
- 23 also whetting our appetite and I think during the
- 24 discussions we talked about a whole bunch of things.
- One of the things that was interesting

- 1 is that we were a multi-utility model, there are those
- 2 still in the province of Ontario, but we used to -- we
- 3 used to have both water and electricity. And so we
- 4 were a multi-utility model, which quite frankly I
- 5 believe is the way to go because you know, you have so
- 6 many synergies that way.
- But you know, I'm not going to judge
- 8 what other people have done, but that was the thing
- 9 and we looked at, interestingly enough on the way it's
- 10 turned out, we looked at EPCOR because EPCOR was an --
- 11 originally Edmonton Power and originally it was EPCOR
- 12 and Aqualta, which was the water side, and then
- 13 they've lumped them all together in -- in -- I think
- 14 they're -- I think if they look at their portfolio
- 15 today they're -- they're primarily water, waste water.
- 16 But that -- we -- we spoke a lot about
- 17 that, we spoke of like how -- how can Collingwood
- 18 become a mini-EPCOR and there was quite a bit of
- 19 discussion about that that day. What -- what do we
- 20 have to do to do that, does that mean that we'd have
- 21 to get more economies, more scope, scale, those kinds
- 22 of things. Did we need to have influx of cash?
- 23 So it was -- it was quite a fulsome
- 24 discussion about, you know, what are we -- what are we
- 25 going to be when we grow up?

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And about
- 2 the kinds of options that you might have to consider
- 3 to move forward, is that right?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- Now, I also understand that there was a
- 7 further meeting on September 16th, 2010 at Clevelands
- 8 House?
- 9 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That -- that's
- 10 correct.
- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Can you tell
- 12 me what that meeting was about?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, this is the
- 14 Georgian Bay District of the EDA, the Electricity
- 15 Distr -- Distributor's Association. It was being held
- 16 up at Clevelands House.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And what
- 18 Collingwood individuals would have been there to that
- 19 meeting?
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I know that David
- 21 McFadden was there, Joan Pajunen, Doug Garbutt, Dean
- 22 Muncaster and myself and I don't recollect anybody
- 23 else.
- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 25 And -- and what was the nature of the presentation

- 1 that was made at that Clevelands House location with
- 2 the EDA?
- 3 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: It was called --
- 4 I think the -- the title of the -- of the day or the -
- 5 of the conference was taking control of your future
- 6 and the -- and the Georgian Bay district is -- is
- 7 primarily all small and medium-sized utilities. We
- 8 don't have any -- there are no large utilities part of
- 9 that district.
- 10 And -- and so we have -- there is a
- 11 number of us with -- of a like mind and -- and it was
- 12 a discussion that about, again, where are we going,
- 13 what are we going to do, how do we -- how do we do
- 14 what we do better, what are -- what are we going to
- 15 think about.
- 16 It was interesting at that point in
- 17 time I believe that -- I think Barrie had just merged
- 18 with PowerStream at the time, I -- it was either that
- 19 year or the year before and I remember going to them
- 20 and saying what are you thinking, because I mean
- 21 certainly it wasn't -- wasn't something that was, you
- 22 know, in the forefront of my mind to be merging with
- 23 somebody that large at that point in time.
- 24 But I -- I actually enjoyed the
- 25 conversation I had with the staff that were originally

- 1 with Barrie and -- and were now -- now part of the
- 2 PowerStream group, or were going to be part of the
- 3 PowerStream group again. I'm not sure what year that
- 4 was.
- 5 But I think the salient point of the
- 6 whole thing came from Doug Garbutt, Doug -- Doug
- 7 doesn't say a lot, but when he does it usually makes a
- 8 lot of sense. And he said it's time for us to fish or
- 9 cut bait.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And what did
- 11 you take Mr. Garbutt to mean with that comment?
- 12 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: We -- we --
- 13 status quo was not an option. That -- that basically
- 14 was it. Status quo is not an option.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 16 Again, status quo was not an option for the purpose of
- 17 meeting the challenges that you've described earlier?
- 18 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct,
- 19 sir.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 21 Now there was an election in October of 2010. And do
- 22 you have occasion to recall the nature of the
- 23 discussions that were taking place amongst the
- 24 political class and amongst the citizens of
- 25 Collingwood as that election approached?

- 1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. Actually,
- 2 as staff, we have a tendency to keep our heads down so
- 3 that nobody really takes a -- takes a shot at you.
- 4 But there was, you know, there has always been chatter
- 5 about, you know, what are we going to do with the
- 6 Collus assets, or is it -- is time for us to sell?
- 7 There was discussion about that, and I
- 8 believe that Joe Gardhouse was running for Council at
- 9 the time, and he had -- he had made those -- made
- 10 those comments. In fact, I think at the January 23rd
- 11 meeting in 2012, he actually said, I -- I had been
- 12 saying we should be selling the assets of Collus.
- So you hear those kinds of things. You
- 14 hear, you know, you hear what's on -- generally on the
- 15 platform, you know, whether it's debt, or, you know,
- 16 we need to -- we need to stop spending, or stop hiring
- 17 consultants, or stop those kinds of things. And I
- 18 think -- I think we had all of that in that -- in that
- 19 election -- run-up to that election.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 21 And I take it you had a new mayor as a result of the
- 22 elections in October of 2010?
- 23 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah, Sandra
- 24 Cooper was now our mayor. She was previously our
- 25 deputy mayor, and she's a -- she's a breath of fresh

- 1 air in a lot of ways, because Sandra was there for all
- 2 the right reasons. She wanted to be there because she
- 3 wanted to help Collingwood, and she only had the best
- 4 interests of Collingwood at heart.
- 5 And even though I -- I quite liked
- 6 working with all the previous mayors, Mayor Carrier
- 7 and those, I -- I quite liked working with Ms. -- Her
- 8 Worship.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 10 So your relationship with her was a positive one, was
- 11 it?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Very positive. I
- 13 -- in fact, I don't think I ever had an issue with any
- 14 of the mayors. I think I -- I mean, when I look at
- 15 Terry Geddes, I have only been sick once in my entire
- 16 life, and that was for about six (6) weeks, and Mayor
- 17 Geddes would pick me up every day, and take me to the
- 18 hospital, and -- and pick me up on break, take me
- 19 home. And Mayor Carrier and I were -- we became very
- 20 good fle -- very good friends.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 22 And you told us about some of the discussions that
- 23 were taking place leading up to this election at the
- 24 various gatherings that you spoke of, and the
- 25 challenges you spoke of there.

- 1 Do you have any memory of -- of the
- 2 inaugural address of the mayor when she was
- 3 inaugurated in November of 2011?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, I do. I was
- 5 -- I -- I went to the inauguration, which I typically
- 6 go to all of them. And I -- I met her father, and
- 7 spoke to her father, who was a -- an icon in the
- 8 community as well, and -- and I -- I remember Her
- 9 Worship --
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: We're --
- 11 while we're doing this, could we pull up, if I could,
- 12 Your Honour, TOC34212 at page 3.

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14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And was
- 17 there some remarks that the mayor made on the occasion
- 18 of her inaugural speech that -- that you recall?
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: These
- 20 are the remarks, I take it?
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: They are the
- 22 remarks, yes.

- 24 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And was

- 1 there something in particular that stuck out to you on
- 2 -- can you scroll down just a bit on page 3, if you
- 3 would, please, so we can see the whole page? Yes.
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I -- I think -- I
- 5 think that -- without even me reading any of this, you
- 6 know, I have a -- I have a clear recollection, and --
- 7 and Mayor -- Mayor Cooper was basically saying that,
- 8 again, we -- we need to offer our community better.
- 9 We need to do things better. We need to reduce our
- 10 debt. We need to -- we need to look at ourselves.
- 11 And I think she -- she challenged her
- 12 Council at that point in time that -- that they were
- 13 going to work together like that, you know, reduce --
- 14 my apologies, reducing the legal fees, et cetera,
- 15 those things.
- 16 And -- and it -- it was a -- it -- she
- 17 -- she did a very good job. She's -- she doesn't
- 18 speak long, but she -- she spoke wisely.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And again,
- 20 you took that as a challenge from the new mayor, did
- 21 you?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely. As I
- 23 -- I mean, they were -- both as Collus and as, you
- 24 know, working -- working with the Town of Collingwood.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.

- 1 And did the mayor interact with the department heads
- 2 on or about the same time that she was inaugurated in
- 3 -- in 2011, or shortly thereafter?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. Soon after
- 5 she was -- she -- the inauguration, she attended our
- 6 department heads' meetings, which were Tuesday
- 7 mornings, and she did that --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Tell us what
- 9 -- just tell us what that is. Is that -- was that a
- 10 meeting of all the various people responsible for a
- 11 different set of functions in -- in the Town of
- 12 Collingwood?
- 13 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. We would
- 14 probably have a dozen people in the room. They were
- 15 all department heads, whether it be planning, or
- 16 building, or public works, treasury clerk's office,
- 17 IT, and I'm missing some, so I'll apologize to those
- 18 that I'm missing, but -- and what -- what we do is we
- 19 get together and we talk about a) what happened on the
- 20 Monday night before, because typically Council is
- 21 Monday night before, so it was fresh in our minds.
- 22 What are the marching orders that we received the
- 23 following Monday evening, so that we need to -- to act
- 24 upon.
- 25 And then what we would do is we would

- 1 bring to -- to -- forth our staff reports, or those
- 2 kinds of things. And -- and it was also sort of a --
- 3 a clearinghouse of issues, where if, you know,
- 4 something needed to be done, then we would make sure
- 5 that those things got done in a timely fashion.
- It was also an opportunity for us to
- 7 bend the ear of our -- of our colleagues, and get
- 8 their advice. And in fact, every staff report is
- 9 actually supposed to go through department heads and
- 10 be signed off before it goes forward to Council.
- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Now, did the
- 12 mayor make an attendance in or about that time at the
- 13 department heads?
- 14 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. She came to
- 15 the department heads and -- and she reiterated what --
- 16 what she said -- what she said at the inauguration,
- 17 even though I think most of us were there, and
- 18 basically said that, I want you folks to -- I
- 19 challenge you folks to -- to do your job better, to --
- 20 to reduce costs, and -- and see how -- how we -- how
- 21 we deliver the services, and how do -- how do we
- 22 deliver them better.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And was
- 24 there a -- a similar challenge given to you in January
- 25 2011 by the mayor with respect to budgets?

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MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON:
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   yeah. I think budgets begin typically end of January,
   beginning of February kind of thing, and certainly,
   yeah, and -- and the deputy mayor was actually the
   budget chief. And so I think Her Worship had, you
   know, sent the marching orders with him as well, that
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   they need -- we need to reduce costs, and reduce the
   amount of consultants, and reduce those kinds of
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   things.
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                   MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
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   just very quickly, looking at TOC41596. And the last
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   line of the mayor's speech with respect to the
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   budgets. Could we look at that just for a moment and
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   show that to Mr. Houghton, if you would, please.
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                   MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And there's
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   a -- a comment by her in the last line of the last
   paragraph of that, and what does the last paragraph
   tell us?
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                  MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON:
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                      "I, for one, want to see our staff
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                   Spelled incorrectly.
                  MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right.
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                  MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And tell
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   me...
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                  MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: What would
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   the nature of the contact have been that you had with
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   the mayor from the time of her inauguration in
16 November of 2011?
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                  MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Her Worship is --
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   is extremely accessible. She was here virtually every
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   day. I mean, she -- she loved being a part of -- she
   loved being the mayor. And -- and so her door was
   always open, but because I had so many different
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   portfolios, whether it be electricity, or water, or
23 wastewater, or storm -- storm water, buses, airport,
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   railway, sidewalks, multiuse trails, not the parks and
25 rec trails, but the other ones, I -- I looked after
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- 1 all of those things --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: -- and -- and so
- 4 I was in contact with her quite a bit, and, you know,
- 5 she'd want to know, or if she had a complaint, or if
- 6 she had -- somebody called her.
- 7 So I -- I spoke to her often. I was in
- 8 the building often as well. So any time I ever came
- 9 in the building, I always peeked my head around the
- 10 door to see if she was there and -- and had a
- 11 conversation with her.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 13 And tell us something of the things that you spoke of
- 14 with the Mayor in those daily contacts you had in
- 15 January, et cetera, of -- of 2011.
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, I mean,
- 17 certainly not anything to do with this, but one of
- 18 them was a -- our sewer -- sewer rehabilitation
- 19 program.
- 20 When I first started -- when I took
- 21 over from Ken Astill, we went on a very aggressive
- 22 sewer rehabilitation program. Collingwood is a very
- 23 old community, but we haven't grown, and what I mean
- 24 by that is we haven't grown in physical size. I mean,
- 25 population, yes, but in physical size within -- so we

- 1 had aging infrastructure, we have water mains in the
- 2 ground more than a hundred and some now years. Used
- 3 to be a hundred some years before, now it's many years
- 4 later. But -- so we -- we run a very, very aggressive
- 5 sewer program.
- 6 So, Her Worship, when I spoke about
- 7 that and where we are within that rehabilitation
- 8 program, we were getting to the end of it. You know,
- 9 Mayor Carrier had very much supported that. But we'd
- 10 been spending, you know, quite a bit of money on -- on
- 11 rehab, and -- and so she wanted to know where that was
- 12 going to go and where that's leading to. So that
- 13 would be one kind of a conversation.
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So she was
- 15 concerned about the costs that the Town would face in
- 16 matters like -- like sewage upgrades, et cetera, was
- 17 she?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I just remember --
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 22 Any other matters that -- that you have a memory of
- 23 speaking of with the Mayor during that period of time?
- 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely. She
- 25 wanted to know how -- and -- and we had this

- 1 conversation two (2) to three (3) weeks prior to even
- 2 me putting pen to paper, about how -- how are we going
- 3 to engage Collus in this, and in -- in -- in my
- 4 challenge everybody, because I think even -- I think
- 5 she had said, and this is maybe just my recollection -
- 6 I think she said during her -- her inauguration
- 7 speech, because she kind of looked over and saw and
- 8 said -- and I -- and I also challenged Collus to do
- 9 the same thing, but irrespective of that, Mayor --
- 10 Mayor Cooper and I had a couple of conversations about
- 11 how do we -- how do we engage you folks in -- in -- in
- 12 ensuring that we can -- we can deliver better, and is
- 13 there any opportunities.
- 14 And -- and we had the conversation
- 15 about, like, what -- what are you thinking, what --
- 16 you know, are you -- are you -- are you thinking sale,
- 17 are you thinking -- and -- and at that point in time,
- 18 it was -- you know, it -- it -- it -- we didn't
- 19 formulate it, but we continued to have a conversation
- 20 until later when I did put pen to paper.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 22 And what did she wish you to -- what did she instruct
- 23 you, if anything, to do with respect to pen to paper?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well again, Mr.
- 25 Muncaster and I had conversations about this, and --

- 1 and, you know, what are we doing and obviously
- 2 everything leading up to it, you know, is status quo -
- 3 if status quo is not an option. So, in -- in the
- 4 conversation we talked about it and said, okay, well,
- 5 we -- we believe that we were doing a very, very good
- 6 job, and -- and what I've always said, as the
- 7 representative of all the small and medium utilities
- 8 in the EDA, it's not because we're not diligent, it's
- 9 not because we're not smart, it's not because we don't
- 10 do a good job. It's because we don't have scale and
- 11 scope to be able to meet the needs, wants, and desires
- 12 of the future. I -- I -- I've said that -- if I've
- 13 said it once, I've said it a hundred and twenty times.
- 14 But, so, Her Worship and I talked about
- 15 it and -- and -- and so we -- we said, well, you know,
- 16 maybe -- maybe a sale might be -- might be one of the
- 17 options. So, we talked about --
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: We're
- 19 talking about Collus Power now, are we?
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 21 Sorry. My apologies. And so we talked about, you
- 22 know, one of the things is we -- we would need to have
- 23 a valuation --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- 25 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: And -- and so if

- 1 we -- we got a valuation, then we'd know what it --
- 2 what it was worth. And we talked about, you know,
- 3 whatever we do, we have to give benefit to -- to our
- 4 customers, because again, our customers are foremost
- 5 in our mind as -- as Collus people.
- And -- and so we -- we had a
- 7 conversation about that and wanted -- and she wanted
- 8 to -- to mesh with her campaign platform and those
- 9 kinds of things. So, we had quite a discussion about
- 10 it and -- and I said, well -- and -- and as I had done
- 11 in -- in the past, helped her with writing of -- of
- 12 those kinds of things, because, you know, that's not
- 13 really what she should be doing. Staff should be
- 14 doing that for -- for them.
- 15 And -- and she suggested that, you
- 16 know, because she wants to ensure that it -- it's in
- 17 mesh with -- with her campaign platform, that, you
- 18 know -- you know, copy -- copy Paul, he can take a
- 19 look at it and for -- you know, make comments, because
- 20 he's my most trusted advisor and -- she -- she didn't
- 21 say that because that's just a given, a known. But,
- 22 you know, let -- let Paul take a look at it and --
- 23 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: A look at
- 24 what?
- 25 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: At the -- the

- 1 draft letter that I -- I was going to prepare.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 3 Tell me about the draft letter. That -- that arose as
- 4 a result of conversations with the Mayor, did it?
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Oh, abs -- yeah,
- 6 absolutely. That -- that was, like, two (2) or three
- 7 (3) conversations and it was finally, like, are you
- 8 going to do that letter for me kind of thing, and I --
- 9 and I did it. The letter that --
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: What -- what
- 11 did -- what was the topic of the letter to be and what
- 12 were we -- what was the purpose of the letter?
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 14 think we -- we might have it too, that January --
- 15 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: We --
- 16 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- if
- 17 you want to show it to the witness.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: We do and
- 19 I'll -- I'll get to it virtually immediately, Your
- 20 Honour. Thank you.
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- 22 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Did you say
- 24 topic?
- 25 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yeah. What

- 1 was the topic of the letter?
- 2 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Okay.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You had some
- 4 discussions with the Mayor. What was the conclusion
- 5 that you reached as a result of those discussions?
- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I wasn't
- 7 questioning you. I just didn't hear it.
- 8 So -- so basically what it was, was it
- 9 was an extension of the challenge that she gave at the
- 10 inauguration --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- 12 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: -- an extension
- 13 of the challenge that she gave the department heads.
- 14 She needed to -- to -- to give it to us at
- 15 Collus, and even though she's a Board member, and --
- 16 and I felt that it was just appropriate that as mayor
- 17 you need to -- if -- if you're suggesting this, you --
- 18 you -- you need to -- to send it to -- to Mr.
- 19 Muncaster and copy me or however you want to do it --
- 20 can send to Mr. Muncaster and say as the mayor of --
- 21 and then the shareholder, this is what I'd like for
- 22 you folks to consider.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. And
- 24 so did you prepare a draft correspondence?
- 25 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I -- I did.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And is that
- 2 correspondence the January 30th correspondence that's
- 3 document number TOC38100? Can you pull that up,
- 4 please?

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6 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Is this the
- 9 draft correspondence that you prepared at the request
- 10 of the Mayor?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, it is.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 13 And could you just -- can you tell us about the third
- 14 paragraph of that and what she was requesting at that
- 15 time in that third paragraph?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, in the
- 17 third paragraph I had said:
- 18 "My specific request would be for
- 19 Mr. Houghton and Mr. Muncaster to
- 20 undertake a valuation of Collus."
- 21 We felt that that was the first step.
- 22 You know, if you're going to be selling your house,
- 23 you -- you want to know what the value is. And then
- 24 to look at, you know, positive and negative of selling
- 25 the assets of Collus, and I was -- I mean, at this

- 1 point in time, I was certainly not convinced that
- 2 selling was the right thing, so I put in it:
- 3 "I must say that"
- Which is the last paragraph, the last
- 5 line.
- 6 "I must also say that this is not a
- 7 done deal that Collus will be sold."
- 8 Because the last thing I wanted to do
- 9 is go down a path that, you know -- you know, is kind
- 10 of -- you're opening Pandora's box. But if -- but
- 11 then the -- on the other side of it, but if after the
- 12 review, if we are asked about, again selling the
- 13 assets of Collus, we can say we've done this -- we've
- 14 done this look, it didn't make sense, here's the
- 15 information so that you can have it, so it would help
- 16 ward off anything in the future. And I know that in
- 17 the run-up to Council, or the -- to the election, we
- 18 did hear those words.
- 19 And -- and even the first paragraph is
- 20 -- the first -- yeah, the first paragraph is a little
- 21 bit different than what I'd -- mine was a little bit
- 22 softer.
- 23 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I -- I think
- 24 you may have already indicated in your earlier
- 25 evidence, but what if anything did the mayor ask you

- 1 to do with the draft letter that you prepared?
- 2 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, she -- she
- 3 had asked me to -- to -- to make sure it was in
- 4 keeping with what, you know, her -- her campaign. She
- 5 -- she wanted to be consistent, you know. She's --
- 6 she's been the mayor now for two (2) months kind of
- 7 thing, or a month and a half. Wants to make -- she
- 8 wants to be consistent. She's -- she wants to make
- 9 sure she's doing the right thing, and she just said,
- 10 can you -- can you please, you know, take -- you know,
- 11 send it to Paul to have him take a look at it, and
- 12 which I never thought anything of you.
- 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you did?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely.
- 15 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 16 And as a result of that, did the mayor prepare a
- 17 letter, and is it the document that's at TOC38169?
- 18 Pull that up if you would, please.

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 22 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. And -- and
- 23 I think what happened was, Mr. Muncaster was provided
- 24 a hard copy. I was actually eventually, I think, just
- 25 copied on it. And -- and the difference is, is that

- 1 it's -- the specific request is that Chair Muncaster
- 2 direct myself to undertake the evaluation of Collus by
- 3 way of examining all potential opportunities that
- 4 would benefit Collingwood residence and that a report
- 5 containing recommenda -- recommendations be presented
- 6 to council by no later than May 30th.
- 7 So, what we did was we took this as
- 8 this is now our -- our marching orders from Her
- 9 Worship, she's the CEO of the community, that we were
- 10 to look at doing a valuation and look at the options
- 11 and come back to council at -- at that time, when we
- 12 have all of that information, and present it to
- 13 council and say here's what -- here's what we've been
- 14 doing, and -- which is really our obligation and or
- 15 responsibility, to be looking outward anyway.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: It's
- 17 interesting. You -- you say that you had your
- 18 marching orders from the mayor. As I understand it,
- 19 you were President and CEO of -- of Collus Power at
- 20 that time?
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 22 I think, actually, the letter was -- again, I think it
- 23 was given to Mr. Muncaster. He's the Chair of Collus.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- 25 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Her Worship is

- 1 the Mayor of -- of the Town of Collingwood, who's our
- 2 -- our shareholder.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right.
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: And I didn't --
- 5 if that -- if that sounded disrespectful, about
- 6 marching orders, that -- that wasn't what I meant.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: No. You, in
- B a legal sense, took your direction from -- from your
- 9 Board, I take it, which is the Board of Collus Power.
- 10 Can you tell me something of the relationship that --
- 11 that Collus Power had with the Town of Collingwood
- 12 that would lead you to suggest that you got your
- 13 marching order on these occasions from the mayor?
- 14 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I can honestly
- 15 say that it didn't matter who cut anybody's cheque.
- 16 Everybody worked together for the benefit of the
- 17 community. There were no -- there were no lines --
- 18 there were no visible lines between water and electric
- 19 and electric and wastewater, the town hall. There
- 20 were -- there were no visible lines.
- 21 We -- we worked for the community of
- 22 Collingwood, the Town of Collingwood. And -- and, so
- 23 it didn't matter who -- who signed the cheque. The
- 24 relationship was lovely.
- We were the envy of a lot of -- of our

- 1 -- or our peers because we did get along so well with
- 2 them, but that was because we are integrated so much
- 3 with them in so many ways, again, maybe because we're
- 4 a multi-utility model, as well, but we had a great
- 5 working relationship with them for, well, my entire
- 6 career.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 8 You'd mentioned that you'd had ongoing discussions
- 9 with the Mayor since the time of her inauguration.
- 10 And by the time you were drafting these letters on
- 11 January -- or being involved in the drafting of these
- 12 letters on January 30th, you had had occasion to -- to
- 13 meet with Mr. Bentz. And we'll come to the details of
- 14 that in a moment.
- 15 Can you tell me whether or not the
- 16 mayor in those conversations that you had would have
- 17 become aware of the fact that you'd met -- met with
- 18 Mr. Bentz?
- 19 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. I -- I
- 20 actually had spoken to her about it. I don't know if
- 21 she would even know who Mr. Bentz is at that point in
- 22 time, but I mention it because we'd had this ongoing
- 23 discussion because we attended the inauguration,
- 24 because we -- you know, we had been looking towards
- 25 what's -- what our option, what's going on.

- 1 We -- we wanted to -- I wanted to be
- 2 able to have another perspective at a 30,000-foot
- 3 level, and that's what -- that's -- that's what we
- 4 did. And that's why I mentioned to her.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 6 And you had been challenged about -- about lowering
- 7 the Town's debt, about increasing efficiency, about
- 8 working for the citizens of Collingwood in the -- in
- 9 the remarks of the mayor and in this letter.
- 10 As matters unfolded, how did you
- 11 specifically attempt to deal with those challenges
- 12 that you'd been given with respect to the question of
- 13 efficiencies and costs and matters of that nature?
- 14 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: My apologies, but
- 15 somewhere through that question I got lost.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 17 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: So, if I tried to
- 18 answer it, I might be answering something that I --
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: That's fine.
- 20 I'll re-put the question to you.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Okay.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: The Mayor
- 23 had talked in her inaugural speech, et cetera, about
- 24 reducing debt, creating efficiencies, and working for
- 25 the people at the Town of Collingwood. AS this matter

- 1 unfolded, how did you and -- and those working with
- 2 you, Mr. Muncaster, Mr. McFadden, et cetera, how did
- 3 you attempt to deal with those challenges?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, once --
- 5 once Her Worship asked us to look -- to -- to get a
- 6 valuation, we -- we obviously undertook that.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: And -- and,
- 9 again, I think what we -- we had said before, I think
- 10 we were pretty proud of the fact that we, as a small
- 11 utility, were -- were very aggressive. We -- and when
- 12 I mean 'aggressive', is I -- we -- we did a lot of
- 13 really, really innovative, creative, entrepreneurial
- 14 type things over the years. We -- we did a lot of
- 15 those kinds of things.
- 16 We did water heater load control in a
- 17 whole bunch of different municipalities before that
- 18 become vogue. And then, with the new government, that
- 19 got changed. And then it ca -- came back to voque
- 20 again. But we did a whole bunch of things that were -
- 21 that -- that was innovative.
- So, I think what we talked about,
- 23 especially between Dean and I at that time, we talked
- 24 about, okay, what -- what do we have to do here. We
- 25 need to get the valuation. We need to look at the

- 1 options. We need to -- we need to -- you know, and
- 2 it's okay for David to talk about what's going on at -
- 3 at the level that he deals with and it's okay to --
- 4 for me to -- to espouse about all the things at the
- 5 level that I deal with, which is the small and medium
- 6 utilities.
- 7 What we needed to do is we needed to
- 8 talk to -- have some conversation with somebody that
- 9 is either doing it but they're larger. We needed to -
- 10 if -- if I'm thinking that there's further
- 11 aggregation, further amalgamations, further mergers,
- 12 those kinds of things going on, I'd like to hear it
- 13 from somebody that has -- that's closer to those
- 14 things.
- So, what -- what Dean and I spoke about
- 16 was, again, we needed to -- to go out and have another
- 17 conversation about that.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 19 And what, if anything, did Mr. Muncaster suggest in
- 20 that regard?
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, what we --
- 22 we talked about, again, the Barrie -- the Barrie
- 23 merger had just taken place in recent time and had
- 24 gone over extremely well. And we -- we -- I see all
- 25 the -- the wonderful things that are in the -- the EDA

- 1 newsletter and those kinds of things that Barrie's
- 2 doing.
- 3 You know, they -- they were
- 4 leaders. So, we talked about the fact that I should
- 5 reach out to Mr. Bentz and -- who I knew from Barrie
- 6 and -- and --
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Oh, so tell
- 8 -- tell us who Mr. Bentz was in the industry in or
- 9 about the time you approached him in November of 2011.
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, Brian had
- 11 been -- he -- he moved up very quickly, and for all
- 12 the right reasons, because he's a really, really smart
- 13 guy. And he's a lot younger than me, which bugs me
- 14 because he -- he moved up very quickly.
- But he -- he's very articulate. He's -
- $16\,$  he's very fair. He's the kind of person that --
- 17 that you -- you want to engage with in the sense of
- 18 having a conversation to be able to understand and
- 19 glean because he doesn't talk over you. He talks at
- 20 the level that you need to talk to him about. And,
- 21 again, he's smarter than I am, so he -- he came down a
- 22 long way to have my conversation with him.
- 23 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 24 So, you concluded you had approached Mr. Bentz with
- 25 respect to some of the matters you'd been considering?

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1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
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- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 3 And I understand that what -- when you -- when you
- 4 considered these approaches, what did you understand
- 5 the level of the approach to Mr. Bentz would be, if
- 6 anything?
- 7 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: The -- the whole
- 8 approach was -- was intended to be the 30,000-foot
- 9 level. It was really just to -- and I -- I think -- I
- 10 contacted him first, had a -- had a brief call with
- 11 him. And then we got together and had -- had
- 12 breakfast, and it was really intended to be the
- 13 30,000-foot level.
- 14 It's, like, you know, jeez, we like
- 15 what you're doing in Barrie, you know, you've done a
- 16 great job, you know, how did that go, you know, what
- 17 are you hearing in the industry, those kinds of
- 18 things, here's what's going on in Collingwood, you
- 19 know, we've been given a bit of a challenge, we --
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Let's --
- 21 let's take them one (1) at a time.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Sorry. Sorry.
- 23 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I understand
- 24 that you would have first organized a telephone call
- 25 with Mr. Bentz?

- 1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 3 And it appears to be the case that that call took
- 4 place on the 24th of November, 2010. Is that in
- 5 keeping with your understanding?
- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 8 Now, we have a set of notes from Mr. Bentz that is at
- 9 ALE50195. Could we pull those up, if we could,
- 10 please?

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- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And could we
- 15 just scroll through those and if you'd like to have a
- 16 look at those, Witness, before we proceed.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. Yes, I'm
- 18 good.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You're good?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I'm good.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right,
- 22 thank you.
- Do these notes evidence some of the
- 24 things talked about between yourself and Mr. Bentz, do
- 25 I take it on both the occasion of your call on

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- 1 November 24th and the occasion of your eventual
- 2 meeting for breakfast at the Sunset Grill on December
- 3 3rd?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: There's a small
- 5 portion of that from that call, yes.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 7 And tell me if you would, please, first
- 8 about your memory of the telephone conversation you
- 9 had with Mr. Bentz on November 24th. What's your
- 10 memory of the matters discussed in that call?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, the first
- 12 thing I said was that I'd heard some really good
- 13 things about -- about him and -- and -- and
- 14 PowerStream as a result of a -- a recent conference
- 15 that they had had, a friend of mine happened to be at
- 16 that conference.
- 17 And then -- and then I just wanted to -
- 18 I think I talked to him briefly about what's going
- 19 on in the industry, do you feel that there's going to
- 20 be further amalgamations, further mergers,
- 21 acquisitions, those kinds of things?
- What are you hearing? Do you think
- 23 there'll be forced amalgamations? Do you think that
- 24 there's going to be an -- and I -- it depends on which
- 25 way I was thinking at the time, transfer tax holiday

- 1 or do you think there -- the transfer tax holiday
- 2 would be taken off and I know we talked about those
- 3 kinds of things.
- I was trying to -- because he -- he was
- 5 in touch with the government a lot, more than -- than
- $6\,$  -- than even the EDA. He -- he was very connected.
- 7 He was very connected because of the board that he
- 8 had, which was impressive.
- 9 So he's -- he -- that -- that call was
- 10 really just a brief call, but it was more of a -- that
- 11 -- I mean, it might have been the 50,000 level at that
- 12 point in time.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right,
- 14 thank you.
- 15 And did you have any discussions with
- 16 Mr. Muncaster about that call following the November
- 17 24th call?
- 18 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I -- I absolutely
- 19 did. I remember that -- my recollection is I spoke to
- 20 -- to Dean and -- and reported back to me, he said --
- 21 basically said that's all you got?
- 22 Because again I was -- I was at the 30
- 23 -- 30 to 50,000 foot level and Dean said don't --
- 24 that's good advice, good -- good information.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.

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1 And what if anything did you discuss
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- 2 with Mr. Muncaster or agree to do at that juncture?
- 3 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah, we just
- 4 felt it was probably important to -- to gage -- get a
- 5 little bit more information, you know, you know, kind
- 6 of glean a bit more of -- of -- of Mr. Bentz insights.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: And -- and so we
- 9 -- we felt that it was appropriate to -- and again,
- 10 it's our job to be doing what we're supposed to do,
- 11 being going out to try to determine what's going on in
- 12 the industry and those kinds of things and to look for
- 13 opportunities and to then bring those, not half-baked,
- 14 but more -- more of a baked idea back to the -- to --
- 15 to Council or our shareholder.
- 16 So yeah, no, we -- we felt it was
- 17 appropriate to go and have a conversation with Mr.
- 18 Bentz again and -- and just to -- get a little bit
- 19 more -- at the 20,000 foot level.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 21 So you did so and I take it that
- 22 occurred on December 3rd at the Sunset Grill, did it?
- 23 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: The infamous
- 24 Sunset Grill.
- 25 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right,

- 1 okay.
- 2 And with the assistance of -- of Mr.
- 3 Bentz notes and your memory, are you able to tell me
- 4 what the nature of the discussions were that were had
- 5 on December 3rd?
- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Maybe if we just
- 7 scroll up just a little bit.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Scroll up,
- 9 please. Thank you.
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I think it's --
- 11 yeah, and I think it's fair to say that he received an
- 12 email from me originally and he had known me for quite
- 13 some time. I did -- I did note that I'd like to speak
- 14 to a confidential manner.
- 15 We talked about, you know, how -- how I
- 16 saw, from the medium and small utilities and -- and
- 17 I'm now talking about almost as much as an EDA board
- 18 member as I am -- as I am a -- a Collus person talking
- 19 about the industries and how hard it is to keep up and
- 20 -- and I'm not sure about the next part, because at
- 21 that point in time Mr. Fryer never mentioned that he
- 22 was leaving, so I -- that's obviously an error on his
- 23 part.
- 24 And -- and then, you know, we -- I
- 25 mentioned to him that, you know, I was -- I was

- 1 wearing different hats. I never once said that I have
- 2 a lot of clout at all. That was not sort of the
- 3 conversation. If he -- if he gleaned that, that was
- 4 his -- his take on, you know, the things that we were
- 5 doing.
- 6 We talked about the -- what was going
- 7 on in Collingwood. And -- and I -- I recollect now,
- 8 even part of the conversation I had with Her Worship,
- 9 because I -- I have a different opinion on how much
- 10 debt we have and what the debt means. And -- and  ${\tt I}$
- 11 would always try to say that, yes, we may have a
- 12 significant amount of debt, but that debt is being
- 13 paid for by others, it was being paid for by others
- 14 because what we've done is we've put in a -- a main --
- 15 a water main or a sewer main or those kinds of things,
- 16 or we put in, you know, turning lanes or that, that's
- 17 being paid back by the developer.
- 18 And -- and also we have development
- 19 charges. So we may be front ending things, but we're
- 20 getting paid.
- 21 So I remember having the conversation,
- 22 so I think she was thinking the debt was significantly
- 23 higher than we ever had. And that -- that might be a
- 24 common -- it might have been a common thing, but I --
- 25 I have a different opinion on what the real debt is.

- But irrespective of that, I -- I may
- 2 have talked about the debt, I may have talked about
- 3 Council, I think we did have four or five turned over
- 4 in that election, so I probably talked about that.
- 5 I told him -- I think first I told him
- 6 I was so proud of him because he -- he was at a level
- 7 -- and this isn't -- not egotistical, but he was a
- 8 level lower than me and he's now at a level way higher
- 9 than me.
- 10 So I told him how proud I was that he -
- 11 he's moved up and -- and done such a great job.
- But we talked about what they did with
- 13 the merger in Barrie and -- and the things that
- 14 they're able to do with Georgian College and RVH and
- 15 all those kinds of things. And I thought that he
- 16 handled it well. I'm not sure --
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Did you have
- 18 any discussions about possible options for LDCs in the
- 19 future?
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's -- that's
- 21 what we talked about. Again, we talked about what --
- 22 what does he see as the options.
- 23 I don't recollect us ever talking about
- 24 anything beyond that, but he may have said to me, and
- 25 I'm just saying from a -- from a common sense

- 1 perspective, he may have said would -- would you be
- 2 sole sourcing this, and I probably quickly said no, we
- 3 probably would go out for an RFP with multiple
- 4 bidders.
- 5 I don't know if that conversation
- 6 happened, but to me that makes sense. I mean, we had
- 7 not even like, you know the horse hasn't even left the
- 8 barn at this point in time. So I wouldn't have had
- 9 that in my mind, so it would have been just something
- 10 that I would think that, you know, this is probably an
- 11 opportunity where you would go out for an RFP to see
- 12 what you could bring back to the community.
- 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: What, if
- 14 anything, did you tell Mr. Bentz about the status of
- 15 your option consideration at that juncture?
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: The status of our
- 17 options?
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: M-hm, about
- 19 the status of your considering options?
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: We -- we -- we
- 21 were, again, we hadn't -- like, we were very, very
- 22 preliminary at this point in time.
- 23 We -- you know, I -- I may have told
- 24 him, I don't know, but I may have told him that you
- 25 know, we are going to take a serious look at this

- 1 because Her Worship has given us that -- that -- that
- 2 direction.
- 3 I don't know if that conversation came
- 4 up, but I -- I have been a proponent and he knows
- 5 that, that status quo is not an option and -- and we
- 6 have to do something to -- to be as good as we can be
- 7 to meet the meets -- the needs, wants, and desires of
- 8 that -- that customer in the future.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 10 Was there any conversation had on
- 11 December 3rd with respect to the valuation?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Again, I read
- 13 this in -- in his notes. I would expect that if he
- 14 had said to me what is the value of your utility, my
- 15 first answer would be I haven't the foggiest notion.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Why would
- 17 you say that?
- 18 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, I -- I'm
- 19 not the financial person, I -- I truly relied on -- on
- 20 Mr. Fryer and others to be the financial folks.
- 21 In fact, every time I -- we had a
- 22 performance review, the Chair would say you need to
- 23 get more financial acumen son, but I never really had
- 24 time to do that, so I relied on those people around me
- 25 to do that, but I think that if -- if in fact -- if in

- 1 fact there was a discussion, Mr. Bentz is smart enough
- 2 to be able to ask questions, to be able to try to
- 3 determine the range.
- 4 I do not recollect having that
- 5 conversation, but I -- I'm not -- you know, the
- 6 conversation we had is probably more important to me
- 7 than it was to Mr. Bentz. But I can't -- I'm not
- 8 going to say that it -- it was true or not true. Just
- 9 to say the enterprise value, those are not my kinds of
- 10 words.
- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 12 Mr. Bentz in his evidence suggested that the reference
- 13 to 15 to \$20 million on EV enterprise value less debt
- 14 were numbers that came out of your mouth. Is that
- 15 your memory of the conversation?
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I could tell you
- 17 without a doubt they did not come out of my mouth. We
- 18 may have had a discussion about it, but they certainly
- 19 didn't come out of my mouth because I would have no
- 20 clue.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And did have
- 22 occasion -- is there anything more you can tell us
- 23 about the meeting that you had on December 3rd?
- 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: The -- Mr. Bentz
- 25 is an extremely busy person. I -- I would expect it

- 1 probably lasted an hour, hour and 15 minutes. And
- 2 you know, we talk about a lot of niceties. And -- and
- 3 we left, and I thanked him profusely for being --
- 4 allowing me to take up that much of his time.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 6 And did you have occasion following the meeting of
- 7 December 3rd to chat again with Dean Muncaster as you
- 8 had following the phone call?
- 9 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely. Dean
- 10 and I spoke about everything all the time constantly.
- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 12 And what, if anything, came out of that phone call
- 13 with Dean Muncaster following the December 3rd meeting
- 14 with Mr. Bentz?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, I think at
- 16 that point in time we just sort of -- you know, we --
- 17 we let it simmer and brew in our brains. And, you
- 18 know, there was a lot of things still going on.
- 19 So December the -- beyond December 3rd,
- 20 at that point we didn't do too, too much until --
- 21 until we received the letter from Her Worship at the
- 22 end of January.
- 23 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 24 And the letter we've -- that's the letter we've spoken
- 25 of at earlier times that you had up on the screen and

- 1 you told us of.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 4 And what did you do, if anything, with respect to the
- 5 valuation that was called for in that -- in that
- 6 correspondence?
- 7 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, Dean would
- 8 have received that hard copy letter sometime after
- 9 the 31st, and he and I would have had a conversation.
- I didn't -- and I can't remember from a
- 11 timing perspective whether Dean and I talked about it
- 12 and said, okay, if -- if we need to know what the
- 13 value of this utility is, where would be get that
- 14 information? Who would be able to perform those
- 15 things?
- And so I reached out again to
- 17 Mr. Bentz. I'm not sure whether it was immediately
- 18 thereafter or -- or in January. I can't recollect.
- 19 But irrespective, we reached out --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: When you say
- 21 "immediately thereafter," immediately after what?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: What I -- my
- 23 apologies. What I said was I'm not -- I can't
- 24 recollect when I reached out to -- to Mr. Bentz. Dean
- 25 and I spoke immediately after our December 3rd

- 1 meeting. I'm not sure whether we decided that we
- 2 needed to -- to get or to at least talk about who
- 3 would potentially do a valuation. I don't -- I don't
- 4 recollect the time and how the timing went.
- 5 But irrespective of that, at some point
- 6 in time I reached out to Mr. Bentz and said, in your
- 7 opinion -- you've been doing this. We've never done
- 8 it. Who -- who would do a valuation? And I think one
- 9 of the first things he said was KPMG, and I said, oh,
- 10 well, we've -- we've dealt with KPMG in the past.
- 11 And so I spoke to Dean, and -- and we
- 12 felt comfortable that that would have -- that, you
- 13 know, KPMG is somebody that we were familiar with.
- 14 They helped create us way back when. And I'm -- we
- 15 knew John Herhalt, and I -- you know, I cross paths
- 16 with John Herhalt in the industry a lot.
- 17 And so we -- after receiving the
- 18 letter, Dean and I decided that it was time for us to
- 19 reach out to Mr. Herhalt. So we did that, I believe,
- 20 on the 6th of February.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. The
- 22 conversation you had with Mr. Bentz with respect to
- 23 evaluators, would that have taken place on or about
- 24 January 14th? And in that respect, can we look at
- 25 ALE54, please?

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- 3 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. That
- 4 would -- that would be -- and I -- and I think the
- 5 only thing I had said was that, you know, we're --
- 6 we're thinking about doing the valuation. I certainly
- 7 didn't say that we're going to be taking to our Audit
- 8 and Finance Committee at that point in time, but I
- 9 would expect that that's probably standard -- standard
- 10 process for Mr. Bentz. So he may have thought about
- 11 that. But --
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Now, can we
- 13 go down to the second -- can we scroll down on that
- 14 correspondence. A little further. There if could,
- 15 please. That's good. Thank you. That letter. Thank
- 16 you.

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18 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: This is
- 21 correspondence of January 15, 2011, and it's
- 22 correspondence from Brian Bentz to Mr. Glicksman. He
- 23 suggests:
- 24 "I received a call from Ed Houghton
- 25 yesterday, which would be

- January 14th, and he's asking about
- 2 evaluators."
- 3 Does that refresh your mind as to the
- 4 date on which you would have requested the name of a
- 5 potential evaluator from Mr. Bentz?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And tell me,
- 8 why would you have reached out? You told me about the
- 9 discussions you had with Mr. Muncaster relating to the
- 10 evaluation. Why did you conclude you'd reach out to
- 11 Mr. Bentz with respect to the name of the evaluator?
- 12 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: We weren't
- 13 sure -- Dean or I were not sure who -- who would
- 14 actually perform a valuation of -- of a utility.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 16 And you knew of Mr. Bentz's experience with mergers
- 17 and acquisitions in the LDC area?
- 18 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Certainly.
- 19 They've been -- they've been very active, yes.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Is that the
- 21 reason you had occasion to reach out to Mr. Bentz on
- 22 that issue?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I just reached
- 24 out to -- to Mr. Bentz to -- to, you know, glean from
- 25 his brain on other things. So I just -- it was just a

- 1 normal thing to reach out -- reach back out to him and
- 2 ask him that kind of a thing.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you
- 4 indicated that you got an answer on that, and the
- 5 answer was KPMG.
- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I don't even
- 7 recollect whether we got information back, but as soon
- 8 as he said, you know, I know we deal with KPMG, and he
- 9 said somebody else. And I -- but I'll check. As soon
- 10 as he said that, Dean and I talked. We -- we were at
- 11 that point comfortable that we had -- we had a history
- 12 with KPMG.
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: At
- 14 some point, I'm going to take the -- take a break.
- 15 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I'm content
- 16 to --
- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Let me
- 18 know --
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I'm content
- 20 to do so now, Your Honour.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Oh,
- 22 okay. Fine. We'll take ten (10) minutes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good.
- 24 Thank you.
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- 1 --- Upon recessing at 3:08 p.m.
- 2 --- Upon resuming at 3:18 p.m.

- 4 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Commissioner,
- 5 just for planning purposes, how long were you planning
- 6 to sit today? I make no submissions in this regard.
- 7 I'm just asking.
- 8 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: For a
- 9 little while longer. Oh, no, of course. Of course.
- No, I was thinking, depending on
- 11 progress, you know, if we could get to a constructive
- 12 stage in Mr. Houghton's evidence, then I might stop.
- 13 I wouldn't go any later than 6:00. So that for sure
- 14 and maybe a little earlier than that, depending on how
- 15 it works out with the testimony.
- 16 And certainly, if Mr. Houghton -- well,
- 17 we'll see how far we get. I don't want to put any
- 18 pressure on anybody, so...
- 19 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: All right.
- 20 Well, pressure --
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Is
- 22 that helpful or --
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: It is.
- 24 Pressure's on, Mr. Chenoweth.
- 25 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Go

- 1 ahead, Mr. Chenoweth.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Always
- 3 appreciate my friend's assistance.

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- 6 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Just before
- 8 we leave it, Mr. Houghton, you were talking about a
- 9 conversation you had with the mayor prior to her
- 10 sending you -- or you're sending her -- actually
- 11 you're sending to Bonwick -- I'm sorry -- the draft
- 12 correspondence of January 30th.
- 13 And she told you at that time to --
- 14 you've told us in your testimony to send that draft
- 15 correspondence to Mr. Bentz.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Bonwick.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Mr. Bonwick.
- 18 I'm sorry. I misspoke.
- 19 And did that surprise you in any way?
- 20 You told us something of that, but you kind of went
- 21 over it very quickly, and I just wanted to get your
- 22 thoughts on that. Were you surprised at all by that
- 23 suggestion on behalf of the mayor?
- 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Not at -- not at
- 25 all.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 2 And why is that?
- 3 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, Mr. Bonwick
- 4 has been for many years one of her trusted advisors.
- 5 He worked to ensure that she -- she was fully engaged.
- 6 They had the best interests of the community, and I've
- 7 seen that many, many times. I've seen the fact that,
- 8 you know, not only did -- did Mr. Bonwick help this
- 9 Council and people in -- within this Council and many
- 10 area-wide Councils.
- But as Her Worship said to me, I want
- 12 to make sure this is in keeping with my platform. And
- 13 in fairness, what we were talking about was probably
- 14 out of her realm of experience as well. It was out of
- 15 my realm of experience in one sense because I don't
- 16 think we'd ever thought about selling or doing
- 17 anything that came close to this.
- 18 So it was only on her -- her request,
- 19 and it -- I never thought a second thing about it.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 21 We were talking about your discussions with
- 22 Dean Muncaster with respect to retaining a valuator,
- 23 and you told us, I think, a moment ago that you had
- 24 occasion to contact Mr. Herhalt on or about
- 25 February 6th, 2011?

- 1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 3 And how did that happen? Was it a phone call? Was it
- 4 some emails? What took place?
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I believe I
- 6 called him directly.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 8 And I understand that there was an email sent by
- 9 Mr. Herhalt on or about February 7th which is of some
- 10 assistance with respect to dates. And if we might
- 11 look at KPM542, could you pull that up, please.

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13 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you, of
- 16 course, weren't party to this email, but could you
- 17 just review it.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And the
- 20 email is dated the 7th day of February 2011. And it
- 21 suggests that he -- Mr. Herhalt had a conversation
- 22 with you the day before, being February 6th. Is that
- 23 in keeping with what you know of this situation?
- 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 25 I reached out to Mr. Herhalt, and had a conversation

- 1 with him, and explained to him what we were attempting
- 2 to do, and hoping that KPMG would be able to provide
- 3 us with -- with a proposal.
- And I explained to him that we needed a
- 5 valuation and that we were looking at potential
- 6 options or what options would be available to Collus.
- 7 And I explained that we had been given direction
- 8 from -- from Her Worship, from the Town and that we
- 9 are starting to get ourselves engaged in -- in the
- 10 directions that we're -- we were given.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 12 Thank you. And you received a reply of -- how long
- 13 was that phone call? Do you have any idea how long
- 14 that might have been?
- 15 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Five or ten (10)
- 16 minutes.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 18 Thank you. And did you eventually receive a reply
- 19 from Mr. Herhalt with respect to same?
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I believe the
- 21 response came back from Jonathan Erling.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good.
- 23 And that was on or about February 14th?
- 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Valentine's Day,
- 25 yes.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 2 Thank you. And could we pull up CPS2001.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: By the way
- 7 just before we go through this, I take it at this
- 8 juncture you had had occasion to receive direction
- 9 from the mayor with respect to the necessity of this
- 10 valuation?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely. We
- 12 received a letter from -- from her on the whatever --
- 13 just after the 31st.
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 15 And you'd had occasion to discuss this with -- with
- 16 Mr. Muncaster?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, I had.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And do you
- 19 have any sense as to whether Mr. McFadden would have
- 20 been aware of your coming or your conversations that
- 21 were had with Mr. Herhalt?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: The -- the only
- 23 thing I can tell you on that is that Dean and -- and
- 24 David were in contact often. They -- they liked each
- 25 other. They worked well together.

I -- I couldn't really tell you on the

- 2 6th or 7th of February whether they had -- he had had
- 3 a discussion with David. I know that I hadn't at this
- 4 point in time.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 6 What was your anticipation as to whether or not they
- 7 would have had a discussion?
- 8 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 9 I don't think that's -- they were in contact often.
- 10 They liked each other. I don't really think it's
- 11 helpful --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good.
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- to
- 14 go much further than that.
- 15 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I'm content.

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- 17 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you
- 19 received correspondence from -- again from KPMG.
- 20 Could we pull up CPS2001. I guess we've got it up
- 21 there now.

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23 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you had

- 1 received the proposal in question from KPMG?
- 2 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. I received
- 3 it from Jonathan Erling, and I immediately flipped it
- 4 over to Chairman Muncaster.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 6 Can we just go down -- can you scroll down on that so
- 7 I can see. I think these emails show that taking
- 8 place. Go down a little further if you would. Good.
- 9 Thank you.
- 10 And I take it this is the proposal of
- 11 February 14th that you received from Mr. Erling?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: This is the email
- 13 of the draft proposal, yes.
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And again,
- 15 that was received by you at 10:08 a.m. And if you'd
- 16 go up to the next email.

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18 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And it -- at
- 21 what appears to be 10:12, you forwarded that proposal
- 22 to Mr. Muncaster, correct?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 24 Four (4) minutes later.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And go up a

- 1 little further if you would, please.
- 2 And is this the email that you receive
- 3 from Mr. Muncaster in reply to sending him the
- 4 proposal?
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, it is.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And he seems
- 7 to say in his first line of that response:
- 8 "The proposal seems to meet with our
- 9 requirements."
- 10 That's pretty obvious what he's going
- 11 to --
- 12 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 13 I think it speaks for itself. Really, do we have to
- 14 go through each sentence? February 14th,
- 15 Dean Muncaster seems satisfied with the proposal.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I have that,
- 17 Your Honour. There is some sentences I wish to go
- 18 through, and I was simply starting out doing that in
- 19 order to get to the sentence that are of some
- 20 significance.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 22 think we should get to the significant sentences from
- 23 your perspective.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
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- 1 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 3 Mr. Muncaster says -- it appears to be in the first,
- 4 second, third -- fourth sentence:
- 5 "Because Mayor Cooper has been
- 6 involved in the previous
- 7 consideration of having this
- 8 valuation done, that should not be a
- 9 difficulty and I would suspect that
- 10 we will be relying on her judgment
- 11 about the involvement of the
- 12 shareholder."
- 13 A somewhat convoluted sentence. What
- 14 did you understand Mr. Muncaster to be attempting to
- 15 relay to you with that sentence?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, I think --
- 17 I think the sentence before he was talking about the
- 18 fact that it -- it may be over -- it exceeds my -- my
- 19 authorization limit, but as he's saying Her Worship,
- 20 he -- there had been conversations with Her Worship,
- 21 he had had conversations with her, I had had
- 22 conversations with her, we had received her letter
- 23 about doing the valuation and -- and the Collus Power
- 24 is only of three people, which is Her Worship, Mr.
- 25 Muncaster, or Chairman Muncaster and -- and Mr. -- Mr.

- 1 McFadden.
- 2 So we have two or three so he felt that
- 3 the direction that we received from Her Worship was --
- 4 was -- was something that we could move forward on.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And his --
- 6 his next sentence appears to be at which point -- the
- 7 point at which we bring David McFadden is introduced
- 8 to the issue, it's an interesting one, but I would
- 9 think that sooner is better than later, and you can
- 10 read the rest of that sentence.
- 11 What did you understand him to be
- 12 saying about the involvement of Mr. McFadden?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I mean I didn't -
- 14 I didn't fully understand all of it. Dave McFadden
- 15 is -- was the independent on the Board. And again,
- 16 he's saying that, you know, Her Worship would -- you
- 17 know, she would be the one involving the shareholder.
- I -- I think that as he's saying, we've
- 19 got two or three, let's get David involved as soon as
- 20 possible.
- 21 I -- I never gave it much thought when
- 22 I read it, I just -- that was my immediate thinking.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 24 in terms of the earlier question you were asked about
- 25 when Mr. McFadden got -- was told about all this, it

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1 must have been after February 14th?
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- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, Your Honour,
- 3 that probably makes sense.

- 5 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 7 And Mr. Muncaster says at the end:
- 8 "I believe the project is well-
- 9 launched."
- 10 What did you take that to mean?
- 11 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I -- well, I
- 12 think it's -- we have received from the -- the Mayor,
- 13 the CEO of the community, that we are to undertake
- 14 this and -- and we've been given direction that Collus
- 15 undertake this and Collus is undertaking it and we
- 16 will get back to Collingwood Council. Unfortunately,
- 17 we missed your date of May 31st, but certainly as
- 18 quick as we could, once we -- once we had put a little
- 19 bit more bones -- meat around the bones.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 21 And so you told me that you felt you had received
- 22 direction from -- from your political leaders, i.e.,
- 23 the Mayor, correct?
- 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 25 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.

1 And you felt that you had received the

- 2 instructions of two of your three Board members, which
- 3 were the Mayor and Dean Muncaster with respect to --
- 4 to proceeding with this valuation.
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 7 And I just -- pull up if we could, very
- 8 quickly, emails that are CPS2151. And if you could
- 9 just scroll down through those and the witness, if
- 10 you'd have a look at those, please.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 15 And as I understand it, these emails were for the
- 16 purpose of -- of what?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: We had just
- 18 received back the -- the draft valuation and the draft
- 19 options paper.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: And we wanted to
- 22 fully engage Mr. McFadden in -- in -- in these two
- 23 documents that we have and continue the thinking and
- 24 the discussions that both Mr. Muncaster has had with -
- 25 with Mr. McFadden, informal discussions, and those

- 1 that I had had with him previously.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 3 And the evidence that we've heard
- 4 before in this hearing seems to suggest that on May
- 5 24th, you were emailed the valuations and options
- 6 report of KPMG?
- 7 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I take
- 9 it it's that -- I think you've told us that you wanted
- 10 to discuss with -- it had already been sent to -- to
- 11 Mr. Muncaster and you wanted to have an opportunity to
- 12 discuss it in detail with Mr. McFadden.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, yeah, Mr.
- 14 Muncaster, Chairman Muncaster had already -- he'd had
- 15 hard copies of that, we made hard copies of it for
- 16 him. I made hard copies for him and there had been,
- 17 you know, informal discussions between the time when -
- 18 when we asked for the -- asked for this to be
- 19 completed until now, we have the document, we wanted
- 20 to meet with Mr. McFadden as soon as we could.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I take
- 22 it that emails that we're reviewing here, the emails
- 23 of -- of June 1st were for the purpose of setting up
- 24 that meeting, is that right?
- 25 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And they go
- 2 over the period May 31st and June 1st, correct?
- 3 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 5 And did you have occasion to meet with
- 6 Mr. McFadden with respect to those topics?
- 7 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And do you
- 9 know when you met?
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Mr. McFadden and
- 11 -- oh, you mean Mr. McFadden, sorry. I thought
- 12 Muncaster. Yes, June 4th.
- 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 14 And who was at the meeting?
- 15 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Just three of us,
- 16 Mr. McFadden, myself and Mr. Muncaster.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And do you
- 18 know where the meeting took place?
- 19 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I -- I see the
- 20 email trail that talks about going back to my office,
- 21 but I've only ever been to Mr. McFadden's home once
- 22 and that's where it was, that's where we originally
- 23 had set it up and I've only ever been there and I
- 24 think that was a meeting, but I don't really know if
- 25 it matters much.

1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.

- 2 And can you tell me about the nature of the
- 3 discussions had at that June 4th meeting?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: We had a full
- $5\,$  discussion and we talked about the valuation and the -
- 6 really, the --
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And was
- 8 there a copy of the valuation there for Mr. McFadden?
- 9 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Abso -- yes,
- 10 there was.
- 11 So the copy of the valuation for Mr.
- 12 McFadden, hard copy for him. And -- and also a hard
- 13 copy of the options. We talked about -- we talked
- 14 about the valuation and we talked about the -- the
- 15 various options, we talked about the fact that -- and
- 16 we -- again, these were continued discussions that we
- 17 simply didn't want an investor because that does
- 18 nothing for us.
- 19 The challenge that Her Worship had
- 20 given us, when you -- when you look at it there's a
- 21 whole bunch of boxes that we have to check. I mean,
- 22 at one point she's looking for some kind of
- 23 significant influx of cash, that's one box you have to
- 24 check.
- 25 The other one is to be able to -- to

- 1 create greater efficiencies, to -- that's another box
- 2 we had to check. Another box that we had to check was
- 3 to -- to perform better for our customers, that's
- 4 another box. But the box that we were looking at too
- 5 is how do we make Collus stronger and how do we -- how
- 6 do we ensure that we -- we are able to survive o
- 7 the -- into the future.
- 8 So there was at least four boxes that
- 9 we had to check. That was the challenge that we were
- 10 getting.
- 11 So during the discussions we talked
- 12 about all of those things. We talked about the
- 13 various options we don't really -- we don't really
- 14 need an investor. How do we move this thing forward,
- 15 what's -- what's -- how do we communicate with the --
- 16 or to the Council, when do we communicate with the
- 17 Council. We talked about putting together a -- a
- 18 strategic task team.
- 19 Actually back then we were calling it a
- 20 -- just putting together a group of people and the
- 21 group of people would be we felt that we needed to
- 22 have representation from the Town of Collingwood. We
- 23 felt we needed -- we obviously needed representation
- 24 from our Board, we needed representation from, you
- 25 know, myself and our CFO and we felt because we are a

- 1 multi-utility -- multi-utility, water and electricity,
- 2 we needed to have water.
- 3 So we talked about all of those things.
- 4 And -- and again, we -- we wanted to take this fairly
- 5 fulsome discussion that we had and -- and share it
- 6 with Her Worship.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you
- 8 mentioned that you had occasion to speak about various
- 9 options. You mentioned that you talked about the fact
- 10 that you didn't want an investor.
- 11 Did you talk specifically about what
- 12 you were looking for and what form that you were
- 13 looking for might take?
- 14 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, very good
- 15 question. Thank you.
- Again, I don't think there was anybody
- 17 in the room that felt status quo was going to be an
- 18 option in the future on a going forward basis.
- 19 We had heard from Her Worship that she
- 20 didn't believe that that full sale was going to be an
- 21 option, and so that there -- the other options were in
- 22 there were partial sale, both, you know, minor --
- 23 minority, majority.
- And -- and we -- we were looking at --
- 25 that -- that's if you were doing an investor, but we

- 1 were landing on something where we wanted to have
- 2 significant resources.
- 3 So, again, if we're trying to check all
- 4 the boxes, we also have an obligation to the -- to --
- 5 to Collus. And so, the obligation that we have to
- 6 Collus is we have to strengthen Collus.
- 7 So, an investor gives cash to the Town,
- 8 doesn't do anything for Collus. It -- it doesn't do
- 9 anything for the benefit -- ongoing benefit of our
- 10 ratepayers, our -- our customers.
- 11 So, what we looked at was the partial
- 12 sale. And I'm not sure who came up with the -- the
- 13 creative idea of calling it a strategic partnership,
- 14 but we were talking about we needed strategic
- 15 resources to be able to check that other box. And so,
- 16 that's kind of where the -- the genesis of the
- 17 strategic partnership thing was.
- So, it's exactly a partial sale just
- 19 with a small twist. And the small twist is not an
- 20 investor, somebody that can help us with the things
- 21 that we've got -- I mean, it's easy now to say all the
- 22 things that we did get, like, the 24/7 call centre,
- 23 the -- the regulatory support.
- 24 All of those kinds of things that we
- 25 got is what we were envisioning at that point in time.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. So,
- 2 you're looking for strategic resources?
- 3 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Exactly. That
- 4 was -- that was helping to check the box of the Collus
- 5 side.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 7 And did -- did that also help check the boxes with
- 8 respect to the Town's specific concerns?
- 9 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah. I mean, if
- 10 -- if we -- if we were able to be stronger and better
- 11 with economy, like, the -- the scope and the scale and
- 12 those kinds of things, if we were able to, as an
- 13 example, conservation demand management, they had more
- 14 -- and -- and, again, I'm -- I'm now talking about
- 15 what we were thinking, but it's easy to say what we
- 16 got.
- 17 But you -- you look at what we got from
- 18 a conversation demand management. PowerStream had
- 19 more people in their conversation demand management
- 20 department than we had in our entire utility. So, we
- 21 had one (1) person that was also working with Mr.
- 22 Fryer sort of trying to deliver conservation programs,
- 23 so the focus wasn't really there.
- 24 But if we can deliver programs like
- 25 that if -- and -- and, as a small utility, the Ontario

- 1 Energy Board wouldn't allow us to have -- I forget
- 2 what the term was, where they -- it's -- they're
- 3 specific to help our industries, PowerStream had
- 4 those, or the larger utilities, all these other people
- 5 that we were potentially looking at, they had that
- 6 opportunity.
- 7 So, we can start checking the boxes.
- 8 If we can deliver our programs better, we can help
- 9 keep our rates low, that we can -- we can, you know,
- 10 ensure ongoing supply of electricity from the se --
- 11 from the perspective that, you know, we keep the pole
- 12 -- the wires in the air and those kinds of things,
- 13 those were checking the boxes of helping our community
- 14 and -- and ensuring a benefit to our -- our customers.
- So, we -- we started checking the
- 16 boxes. And -- and, at the same time -- and -- and
- 17 really -- I don't mean to be flippant about it, but it
- 18 was -- it's almost -- and we can probably get some
- 19 cash, too, a fairly significant amount of cash, which
- 20 helps check that box of what Her Worship was really
- 21 getting at.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 23 You mentioned that someone come up -- came up with a
- 24 phrase, you're not sure who. What -- what phrase was
- 25 that that was discussed?

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1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: What I -- what I
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- 2 meant was the strategic partnership.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 4 And you brought Mr. McFadden onboard and had those
- 5 discussions with him at that particular meeting --
- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct --
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- on June -
- 8 on June 4th. And what efforts were made to bring
- 9 the mayor into those discussions?
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: At the end of the
- 11 conversation, obviously both Mr. Muncaster and Mr.
- 12 McFadden said we need to bring Her Worship into --
- 13 into this as the other Board member and as -- as our
- 14 representative of the shareholder.
- And so, we knew that we had a meeting
- 16 on -- on the -- on the Friday, the morning of the --
- 17 of June the 10th. Her Worship wasn't able to stay for
- 18 that part of it, but we set up a meeting at her
- 19 office.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I'm sorry,
- 21 you knew you had a meeting on Friday. A meeting of
- 22 who?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Sorry, it was --
- 24 we had a Collus Board meeting, I'm not sure which one,
- 25 Power -- I'm not sure which we had. It had to be

- 1 Power because David -- David, Dean, and Her Worship
- 2 were there in the morning of June the 10th.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 4 And just be -- just before we move off that, do I
- 5 understand that -- that that is the Board meeting
- 6 which is represented by the minutes which are
- 7 CPS7007 001. Can we bring those up, please?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Ye -- yes, it is.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 10 And so, you understood there was a meeting. And it
- 11 appears to be the Board of Directors of Collus Power
- 12 Corporation that was in session on that morning. And
- 13 you knew you -- you were telling us you knew you had a
- 14 meeting on -- on Friday the 10th. And where did that
- 15 take you?
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah, and I
- 17 should mention, too, that in -- in these -- and I
- 18 think Mr. McFadden had mentioned the fact that,
- 19 because we had Collus Power, Collus Solutions,
- 20 Collingwood Utility Services, as you see, the
- 21 directors are Mr. Muncaster, Her Worship, and -- and
- 22 Mr. McFadden.
- 23 And then the other Board members, Joan
- 24 Pajunen, Doug Garbutt, and councillor Mike Edwards,
- 25 they attend as guests. And -- and they -- sorry to

- 1 flip around. Dean -- or, I mean, David was our
- 2 independent, so if there was something that was going
- 3 on that was not appropriate for him to be there, he
- 4 would excuse himself and leave.
- 5 But in any event, that's what these
- 6 minutes were for. And I apologize, I forgot your
- 7 question now.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And we'll
- 9 come back to the -- we'll come back to the minutes in
- 10 a moment. But you were telling us that you knew you
- 11 had a meeting on December 10th. And did that present
- 12 some --
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: June
- 14 10th.
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- 16 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Sorry, June
- 18 10th. Did that pres -- present some opportunity for
- 19 you to meet with the Mayor?
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. We were
- 21 hoping that we could meet with her after this, but in
- 22 the email back and forth she had said that she -- she
- 23 had to leave this meeting for another -- for other
- 24 Collingwood business and that we could meet with her
- 25 later on in the afternoon at her office, which we did.

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1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
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- 2 And can you tell me what the nature of the -- and --
- 3 and, first of all, tell me who was in attendance at
- 4 the June 10th meeting.
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: It was Mr.
- 6 Muncaster, Mr. McFadden, Her Worship, and myself.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 8 And can you tell me what the nature of the discussions
- 9 were that were had at that June 10th meeting?
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah. It was
- 11 basically a recap of -- or discussions from June the
- 12 4th with -- with the three (3) of us talking about
- 13 what we were thinking about, getting Her Worship's
- 14 input, thinking about who would we put on -- onto the
- 15 -- the review team or -- those kinds of things.
- 16 At that point in time, we talked about
- 17 Her Worship. And we wanted to have one (1) other
- 18 person from council. We didn't -- hadn't included the
- 19 CAO, which was completely just an oversight which I
- 20 noticed, and that's why it was added to it.
- 21 And I think we -- we wanted Mr. Garbutt
- 22 because he represented water, as well. He was on the
- 23 water -- water side. Councillor Edwards wanted to be
- 24 on the team. And -- and my -- our only push back on
- 25 that was not because he wouldn't have done a great

1 job. It was the fact that we didn't want to overload

- 2 it with Collus Board members.
- 3 We wanted to have -- we wanted to have
- 4 a diverse group. We wanted to have -- you know, as it
- 5 turned out, we had two (2) political folks from --
- 6 from Col -- the Town of Collingwood, plus the CAO. We
- 7 had -- we had two (2) political folks from our Board,
- 8 if you want to call them political people.
- 9 We had the CFO, myself, and -- and,
- 10 again, one (1) representing water, which was Mr.
- 11 Garbutt.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So was broad
- 13 representative from both the Town and from -- and from
- 14 Collus. Is that right?
- 15 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 16 And again, I always go away from your question. The
- 17 question was, yes, we talked about all of that with a
- 18 fulsome discussion with Her Worship.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 20 So, you're telling me that you discussed the formation
- 21 of the STT team on that occasion?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I take
- 24 it you would have discussed the concept of an STT team
- 25 at that meeting?

- 1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 3 Did you discuss the valuation which you'd previously
- 4 discussed with Mr. McFadden?
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you told
- 7 us about discussions with Mr. McFadden and Mr.
- 8 Muncaster on June 4th about the phrase 'strategic
- 9 partnership'. Was that at all discussed in the
- 10 meeting with the mayor on June 10th?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, it was. We
- 12 -- we had landed on that name. We thought it was
- 13 creative. Again, we didn't want to just say we're
- 14 doing a sale or a partial sale. We wanted -- we
- 15 wanted whoever we were going to be talking to, that we
- 16 wanted more than an investor. We wanted a strategic
- 17 partner to be able to allow us to have these signif --
- 18 significant resources.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 20 Was there any discussions at that time about moving
- 21 those discussions to council?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Sorry. I'm just
- 23 trying to understand the question. Yes, absolutely.
- 24 And in fair -- in fairness, we -- we have to ask Your
- 25 Worship when -- to be able to get on -- on the agenda

- 1 of Council. She set -- at that time, she set the
- 2 agenda.
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  I'm not sure exactly whether -- I think
- 4 we talked about -- about getting to Council. I'm not
- 5 -- I wasn't really sure when I'd be able to get the
- 6 presentation completed, and those kinds of things. We
- 7 were hoping to do it quickly, and then -- and then we
- 8 were -- I think we were -- I said -- I said I would
- 9 follow up with a request for a time to get on to
- 10 Council. But we were trying to do it fairly quickly,
- 11 again, trying to meet -- recognizing we were already
- 12 behind the original date that she'd given us. We were
- 13 trying to catch up to that date.
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 15 And did you receive any direction with respect to what
- 16 you might prepare to take this matter to Council?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, once I --
- 18 once I drafted the slides and -- and typically, all of
- 19 the slides that I used were the slides of KPMG, and I
- 20 just rebundled them -- not really rebundled them --
- 21 put them in point form, which are easier to be able to
- 22 -- to look at and understand.
- The only -- I only -- I removed one (1)
- 24 slide, which was the --
- 25 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: We'll come

- 1 to the -- we'll come to the details --
- 2 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Okay.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- of the
- 4 slides in a moment, but --
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Okay.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- did you
- 7 prepare a slide deck?
- 8 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I -- I prepared
- 9 slide deck and sent that draft slide deck -- I
- 10 discussed it in my office with Mr. Muncaster, and sent
- 11 the draft slide deck to Mr. McFadden.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Get any
- 13 input from Mr. McFadden with respect to the slide
- 14 deck?
- 15 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: What input
- 17 did you get from him, if any?
- 18 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: A coup -- a
- 19 couple things. Actually, he -- he noted that I -- I
- 20 had added the CAO to the Strategic Task Team, which he
- 21 felt was a good -- good thing. He had -- we -- we had
- 22 talked about -- or he'd expressed a little bit of a
- 23 concern about the upcoming election, because we were -
- 24 in -- in fairness, I think Mr. Fryer and myself had
- 25 the understanding that there was already a transfer

- 1 tax holiday, but some of the information that we had
- 2 was saying that there wasn't -- there wasn't a
- 3 holiday, and they might be considering it. And I
- 4 think -- I think David was also of the opinion that
- 5 they might be considering it.
- But we found out soon thereafter that
- 7 there was actually transfer tax holiday on at that
- 8 point in time, which meant that -- that the Town of
- 9 Collingwood would not see a 33 percent tax on that
- 10 sale.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 12 And just before we leave it, I take it the minutes of
- 13 -- of the Board meeting of Collus Power of Friday,
- 14 June 10th, 2011, show that there was some discussions
- 15 about the solar vent project on that occasion?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 18 And -- and do I take it -- it would appear that at the
- 19 time of your presentation about the solar roof vents,
- 20 Mayor Cooper was in attendance and left the meeting
- 21 shortly thereafter?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 23 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 24 And can you tell me, how did you come to learn about
- 25 the solar vent project?

1 And actually, I'm not talking about the

- 2 project. I meant to say the solar vent product.
- 3 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I was in Toronto
- 4 for a different reason, and I happened to see Peter
- 5 Budd, and he has a -- had a big truck, and in the back
- 6 of his truck, he had this -- it kind of looked like a
- 7 dog house with this solar panel on top of it.
- 8 And so I asked him what -- what that
- 9 is, and he said, This is -- this is a solar powered
- 10 attic roof vent, which I thought was a brilliant, you
- 11 know, for a whole bunch of reasons.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 13 And is that roof vent that you took to the power Board
- 14 meeting on June 10th?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, it is.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I
- 17 understand -- and it's set out in the document which
- 18 was up on the screen moments ago -- that -- that the
- 19 meeting endorsed your -- get involved in the project?
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.

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22 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I'm sorry?

290 1 (BRIEF PAUSE) 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good. 3 I'll do that. 5 6 (BRIEF PAUSE) MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Now I take it that you had occasion to make a presentation at the June 27th Council meeting that followed? 10 11 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct. 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And could we 13 pull up the slides which you told us earlier you 14 prepared that were presented to the Council at that 15 time, and that's CPS4397. 16 17 (BRIEF PAUSE) 18 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Now, can you assist us, Mr. Houghton? These slides, did they 21 include the -- the slides that you obtained from KPMG 22 with respect to their valuation and options report 23 that had been delivered to you on May 24th? 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct. 2.5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And --

- 1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- did they
- 3 include all the slides?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: The -- all the
- 5 slides except for the one about Smart Grid.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 7 And did you put any -- so you told me about the one
- 8 (1) slide that wasn't there, and just tell me quickly
- 9 why the Smart Grid slide wasn't there?
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Again, one (1) of
- 11 the things the -- we -- we felt that Smart Grid could
- 12 be dealt with -- with a -- with somebody -- we're
- 13 doing a strategic resource. We were already starting
- 14 part of -- we've already got into the -- into the
- 15 smart meters and those kinds of things, we just didn't
- $16\,$  think it was a -- a slide that needed to be in the --
- 17 the slide deck.
- 18 It -- it -- everything else sort of
- 19 related. That one, in our opinion, didn't -- didn't
- 20 need to be there, and, you know, when we were going
- 21 through it, David felt that we should remove that one.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 23 And I -- I want to do a -- a quick review of the -- of
- 24 the slides, because I think it's important that --
- 25 that the -- the commission understand what was before

- 1 the Councillors on June 27th.
- 2 I'll look very quickly at -- at the
- 3 second slide, if we could pull that up. And can you
- 4 tell me what you wished to tell the Councillors with
- 5 this particular slide?
- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, I -- I
- 7 think the very first line tells exactly what the
- 8 relationship that we had with -- with the Town of
- 9 Collingwood, and it go -- it talks about the fact that
- 10 everything we do begins and ends with our shareholder,
- 11 begins and ends with our customer. And -- and that
- 12 would -- that was always really important.
- I mean, we used to have a -- our solar
- 14 wind used to be together. We help our Town. I mean,
- 15 our mantra was whatever we could do to help
- 16 Collingwood, that was -- that was our job. It didn't
- 17 matter who paid you, you know, it didn't matter what
- 18 colour of a truck you got out of, you -- you worked
- 19 for the Town of Collingwood.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So the
- 21 background slide here, slide 2, sets out the reasons
- 22 for the review, and the review was init -- it this was
- 23 initiated as Collus's ongoing approach to ensure that
- 24 the municipality is receiving the most value for its
- 25 dollar?

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1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
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- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 3 And contents -- context for this review, and that was
- 4 set out, I understand. And briefly again, what's the
- 5 context for that?
- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: The -- the reason
- 7 we needed to do this, we wanted to be able to provide
- 8 additional cash for her -- for the Town of
- 9 Collingwood, to be able to provide the benefits to the
- 10 community, to be able to reduce costs, become more
- 11 efficient and effective, and -- and I think I got --
- 12 and -- and the selfish side of things, or the Collus
- 13 side, which is our responsibility, is to make Collus
- 14 stronger.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 16 And looking at slide 3, the report structure, what was
- 17 designed to present?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Basically, all
- 19 we're doing is just outlining what was -- what's going
- 20 to be in this report, and those -- that -- that kind
- 21 of thing, talked --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I noted
- 23 slide 4 that you outlined the industry environment?
- 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. And again,
- 25 this again -- this is word for word out of the KPMG

- 1 slide deck.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 3 And -- and so you were bringing the Councillors up to
- 4 speed with respect to the environment that -- that
- 5 existed in the Province with respect to LDCs at that
- 6 time?
- 7 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: And -- and we
- 8 don't want to skew it with our own personal opinions.
- 9 Again, this was the opinion of the professionals,
- 10 KPMG.
- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 12 And you talked about the -- the approximately eighty
- 13 (80) municipalities that had been reduced by the -- by
- 14 the -- by the market to that point. And you talked
- 15 about many observers expect the Province to take steps
- 16 to encourage additional LDC consolidation, correct?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 19 And in Slide 5 you talk about the transfer tax, and
- 20 the message you wanted to get across with respect to
- 21 that?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: The the
- 23 incorrect message is that -- that there -- there was a
- 24 transfer tax holiday at this point in time, but this
- 25 slide I believe says that there is a transfer tax but

- 1 -- a holiday is contemplated, but there was no
- 2 transfer tax at that time -- point in time.
- 3 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: And I
- 4 -- I think they corrected this about a month later.
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's absolutely
- 6 correct, Your Honour.
- 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 8 you.

- 10 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And KPMG had
- 12 originally told you that there was not a transfer tax
- 13 holiday at that juncture.
- 14 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 16 And you spoke -- in Slide 6 -- I'm sorry, Slide 7,
- 17 about the regulatory environment?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 20 And you did so as well in Slide 8. And you spoke then
- 21 of the implications of the industry environment in
- 22 Slide 9.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 25 And you spoke about the restructuring options, Slide

- 1 10.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And those
- 4 are the specific options that were set out in the
- 5 options slide deck produced to you by KPMG?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Same except we
- 7 added the strategic partnership, which was really just
- 8 a partial sale, minority or majority or equal partial
- 9 sale, with a twist, a good twist.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And that was
- 11 the -- the concept that you had discussed with David
- 12 McFadden and Dean on June 4th and discussed with the
- 13 Mayor on June 10th, correct?
- 14 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 16 And you talked about some of the pros and cons of --
- 17 of the strategic partnership, and you did that in
- 18 Slide 12?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 21 And you spoke --
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Or no --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I'm sorry?
- 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I think TWA
- 25 (phonetic) was operating synergies.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes, that's
- 2 correct. And you talked with the operating dis -- dis
- 3 -- dis-synergies in Slide 13.
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you
- 6 talked about affiliated relationships in Slide 14, and
- 7 other considerations in Slide 15.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Specifically
- 10 you talked about rate impacts and utility
- 11 consolidation and business complexity.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you
- 14 talked about then, commencing in Slide 17 -- you
- 15 talked about evaluation of the various options?
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 17 The first one is status quo.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. And
- 19 again these are slides directly out of the options
- 20 report completed by KPMG.
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 22 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And in Slide
- 23 18 you talked about an evaluation of the full-scale
- 24 sale option?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Slide 19,
- 2 you talked about an evaluation of the partial sale
- 3 option?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 6 And again these are right out of the KPMG report.
- 7 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And Slide 21
- 9 -- again, Slide 20 is -- is a further evaluation of
- 10 the partial sale option?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Then you
- 13 talked about the strategic partnership option in Slide
- 14 21.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And
- 17 thereafter you had two (2) slides that spoke of an
- 18 evaluation of the strategic partnership option,
- 19 including the benefits and the down sides of that
- 20 possible option.
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 22 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You talked
- 23 about next steps that was presented to Council at that
- 24 time?
- 25 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah. I just

- 1 wanted to point --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: That's in
- 3 Slide 24. Go ahead, yeah.
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: On Slide 23
- 5 though, I noted that Mr. Herhalt talked about that you
- 6 could have added disadvantages of the strategic
- 7 partnership option, the same which would be in the
- 8 partial. What we looked at, and when we talked about
- 9 it, we felt that, as an example, mitigating risk -- we
- 10 felt that by having a strategic partner, we'd be able
- 11 to mitigate risk significantly greater than -- than
- 12 what you could with just a -- an investor or a partial
- 13 purchaser -- partial sale purchase.
- 14 We felt that -- that our dividends
- 15 could -- would not be, I think as he talked about, you
- 16 -- typically you'd say, well, you -- dividends in
- 17 half. If we're driving efficiencies and that's our
- 18 goal, which it was our goal, then -- then our -- our
- 19 dividends could -- could increase, so that's why we
- 20 didn't see that as a disadvantage. And I think in
- 21 2014, it's been noted that -- that we gave a larger
- 22 cash dividend than we -- we -- at 50 percent that we
- 23 had a hundred percent. And -- and -- and there's, you
- 24 know --
- 25 So we -- we actually talked about those

- 1 things. We weren't trying to take them out because we
- 2 felt that we should take them out to make this part
- 3 better. We actually discussed each and every one of
- 4 those items and felt that there was -- there was
- 5 rationale for -- for removing those in the evaluation
- 6 of the strategic partnership option.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 8 And can you tell me who made the presentation of the
- 9 slides at the June 27th in camera Council meeting?
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Typically I would
- 11 be -- I would be the one doing most of the talking,
- 12 and I -- I -- I believe that -- I think Mr. Fryer was
- 13 there. I -- I'm -- I'm hoping that my memory is
- 14 correct. Maybe Mr. Muncaster might have been there as
- 15 well.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 17 And I -- I notice that the minutes, which are
- 18 BLG259 001 -- and I don't know that you need to bring
- 19 them up, but the -- the minutes -- the in camera
- 20 minutes suggest that:
- 21 "Ed Houghton, President and CEO of
- 22 Collus, provided an update for
- 23 Council, information on the study
- 24 that Collus Power is undertaking to
- 25 investigate their strategic

- 1 opportunities."
- 2 That was your purpose in presenting
- 3 these things at this -- at this juncture?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 6 And can you give me a sense of -- of what --
- 7 MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: For my -- for
- 8 my own notes, the number of -- we didn't pull it up,
- 9 but what was the number of the -- of the minutes?
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 11 The number of the minutes is -- BLG259 0001.
- MR. WILLIAM MCDOWELL: Thank you.
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- 14 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And can you
- 16 give me a sense of what direction, if any, you
- 17 received from the Town Council during the course of
- 18 that in camera minute -- or in camera meeting?
- 19 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I think Council
- 20 was quite excited about it. They were intrigued. One
- 21 of the things that we -- we had asked in there was
- 22 that we -- we wanted to have a -- an additional person
- 23 on the strategic partnership task team, so we had an
- 24 open spot on that, and they -- they nominated the --
- 25 the Deputy Mayor to attend.

So -- so from our perspective, we've

- 2 got the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, and the CAO, the
- 3 three (3) top executives of the Town of Collingwood
- 4 sitting on this -- on this strategic task team, so
- 5 they delegated that -- the -- the work to the
- 6 team to -- to contin -- to continue to further review
- 7 to -- to start -- start again putting more meat on the
- 8 bones of this -- this -- this idea.
- 9 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So in
- 10 response to Mr. Chenoweth's question, the direction
- 11 was to continue?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. My
- 13 apologies, Your Honour.

- 15 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And -- and
- 17 again you told us about the -- about moving forward on
- 18 the -- on the STT team, and I think you told us that
- 19 it was decided at that meeting to -- to put Mr. Lloyd
- 20 into the one (1) vacant spot you had as this
- 21 presentation was being made to Council.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 23 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 24 That -- the -- the completion of the STT team was one
- 25 of the next steps that was set out in -- in the Next

- 1 Steps Slide as part of your deck, correct?
- 2 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 4 So in fact Council really proceeded with some of the
- 5 recommended next steps there right at the meeting --
- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- by
- 8 appointing Mr. Lloyd and filling out the STT team.
- 9 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 10 All right. Thank you.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 15 Chronologically the next matter of some significance
- 16 is a meeting you had with Mr. Bentz, Mr. Lehman, the
- 17 Mayor, Ms. Wingrove, and others on June 29th?
- 18 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Can you tell
- 20 me how that meeting came about?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: My -- my
- 22 understanding from any of the discussions that I'd
- 23 heard was that they -- PowerStream wanted to come to -
- 24 to the Town of Collingwood and talk about the
- 25 engagement of Mr. Bonwick and to disclose his

- 1 activities surrounding what potentially could be now
- 2 happening in Collingwood.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. I
- 4 notice there appears to be some reference to a
- 5 potential subsequent meeting in the mayor's
- 6 correspondence of June 2nd.
- 7 It says, if -- if certain things should
- 8 develop, it may be appropriate to consider a further
- 9 meeting with respect to the issue of, in essence, Mr.
- 10 Bonwick's retainer?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah, I was not a
- 12 party to that letter.
- 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 14 What did you understand the purpose of the meeting on
- 15 June 29th to be?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: My -- my
- 17 understanding was that they were going to come and
- 18 disclose that Mr. Bonwick was engaged in some way,
- 19 shape, or form with -- with PowerStream.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And where
- 21 did you get that view of the June 29th meeting?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I -- I actually
- 23 also received an email request -- or a meeting
- 24 request. And I had conversations originally with Her
- 25 Worship saying, you know, what's -- what is

- 1 this. And she just said that they're -- they're going
- 2 to be meeting with -- with PowerStream and they're --
- 3 they're going to have a discussion.
- 4 I understo -- she -- and then she just
- 5 -- she didn't say there was going to be full
- 6 disclosure. She didn't say any of those things. She
- 7 said, But it's about Paul. So, I said, Okay.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And did you
- 9 have occasion to have any conversations with Mr.
- 10 Muncaster prior to the time of -- of that June 29th
- 11 meeting?
- 12 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I did. I
- 13 actually emailed him first thing in the -- early in
- 14 the morning and asked him for a chat.
- 15 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: On the
- 16 morning of June 29th?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I don't know
- 19 that I have the -- I'm sorry, I don't have the -- the
- 20 document number for that, but I don't think it's
- 21 controversial and I believe we've seen it on other
- 22 occasions.
- So, as a result of that email, did you
- 24 have a conversation with Mr. Muncaster on the morning
- 25 of June 29th?

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1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah. There's --
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- 2 there's a whole bunch of history before this, as well.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 4 Tell us that.
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Okay. Well, a
- 6 whole bunch of history. Well, this goes back quite
- 7 some time, like, mid-2010, and conversations that I
- 8 had had with Mr. Bonwick about, you know, what's going
- 9 on in the industry, things are happening, all those
- 10 kinds of things. And -- and so, we ha -- we had quite
- 11 a conversation about it.
- 12 And then he had asked at one point in
- 13 time, Do you think that there's anything that, you
- 14 know, my -- that I could be doing within the industry.
- 15 And I thought, sure, there's probably lots of things
- 16 you could be doing in the industry. He --
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: What we'll
- 18 do if it's -- if it's acceptable to you --
- 19 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely. It's
- 20 just things were getting --
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- Mr.
- 22 Houghton, we'll just review the process, first of all
- 23 --
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Okay.
- 25 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- and then

- 1 come back with --
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I'm
- 3 sorry, ju -- just a second. The witness was in the
- 4 middle of an answer.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I -- I
- 6 thought he had finished it, but I -- I didn't
- 7 obviously mean to cut off my own witness.

- 9 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Continue
- 11 with your answer, Mr. Houghton.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: My -- my
- 13 apologies. It's just I couldn't sort of put -- put it
- 14 in context of -- of my conversation that I had with my
- 15 Chair without giving the context of -- of what was
- 16 going on.
- So, if -- needless to say there was --
- 18 there was quite a bit of chatter that -- that went on.
- 19 I -- I said to Mr. Muncaster that -- that I -- I'm --
- 20 I'm uncomfortable with -- with this -- this
- 21 potentially because I'm -- I am totally focussed on --
- 22 on the -- potentially putting something together for -
- 23 for Collus and I don't really want to go to this
- 24 meeting.
- 25 And he said, You don't have to go to

- 1 this meeting, I will go to this meeting and I will
- 2 report back to you with my -- my judgment.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You said you
- 4 wanted to put that discussion in a context. And in
- 5 that respect, you were suggesting there was some
- 6 discussions in mid-2010 that you wanted to make
- 7 reference to?
- 8 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Okay. Yes.
- 9 Thank you. So -- so there were all of these
- 10 conversations and -- and is there something that I
- 11 could do? Absolutely, there's something you can do.
- 12 You know, we had a conversation about --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: One second,
- 14 just if you would, tell me who those discussions were
- 15 between, first of all?
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Myself and Mr.
- 17 Bonwick.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I think
- 19 you indicated that the conversations took place when?
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Mid -- mid-2010
- 21 kind of thing originally.
- 22 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Is this one
- 23 (1) conversation, a series of conversations?
- 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Two (2) -- two
- 25 (2) or three (3), you know, what's going on in the

- 1 industry today, here's what I've heard, blah, blah,
- 2 blah, kind of those kind of things. So I guess blah,
- 3 blah, blah is not really a word that you want to put
- 4 in there, is it?
- 5 Just -- just really kind of those kinds
- 6 of conversations. And again, Mr. Bonwick had said, Is
- 7 there something in the industry that -- that, you
- 8 know, I could be doing. And I -- I said, There's
- 9 probably lots of things you could be doing with your
- 10 skill sets.
- 11 And -- and then sometime shortly
- 12 thereafter --
- 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Just -- just
- 14 before we leave that, it's unclear to me from what you
- 15 said. Who initiated those conversations?

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17 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 19 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I think the
- 20 conversations were sort of initiated both sides in a
- 21 sense of what's going on in the industry, what are you
- 22 hearing from the Province, you know, me saying to Mr.
- 23 Bonwick, what are you hearing from the Province, what
- 24 are you hearing from the -- because he -- he was
- 25 engaged with -- at a different level than I was.

1 And then the question was asked of me

- 2 from Mr. Bonwick was, Do you feel that there's
- 3 something in the indust -- electric industry that I
- 4 can be doing.
- 5 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 6 right. And how did you answer that? What -- what did
- 7 you say?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: In my opinion, I
- 9 mean, Mr. Bonwick has a lot of skill sets. He's --
- 10 he's a very strategic thinker. He -- he -- there --
- 11 there's, I think, many things he could do. He ha --
- 12 he --
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I was
- 14 curious what you communicated to him if he's asking
- 15 you, Is there something I can do in the industry. I'm
- 16 just curious what you actually community to him as to
- 17 what you thought he could do.
- 18 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Your -- Your
- 19 Honour, thinking about -- going back thinking about
- 20 it, I probably -- I -- I don't recollect. I just sort
- 21 of in my brain I keep saying, sure, there's probably
- 22 lots of things that you can do with your skill sets.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 24 right.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: My apologies.

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That's probably the best I can up with.
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   CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
                  MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And did the
   conversations develop thereafter? Was there any more
   discussion about what, if anything, he should do?
                  MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Mr. Bonwick asked
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   me if -- who -- who -- you know, who would I -- what
   would be a natural contact for me. And again, at this
   point in time, I think the -- the premier person at
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   this point in time was -- was Brian Bentz, and I
   suggested that he contact Mr. Bentz.
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                  MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And did
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  you...
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                  MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Did you at
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   any time have occasion to understand the nature of the
   approach that Mr. Bonwick made to Mr. Bentz?
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                  MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON:
                                         Yes. Mr. Bonwick
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   actually copied me on an email that he had sent to --
   to Mr. Bentz. And I looked at the -- well, first, I
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didn't look at it for an hour or two (2) or something

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like that.

- 1 And then he emailed me back saying, I
- 2 must have the wrong email address, which I sent to
- 3 him. And then a little while later, I -- I looked at
- 4 it. And I looked at the fact that it actually had
- 5 mentioned Collingwood in it, which was not kind of
- 6 what I was thinking. And it was not in keeping with
- 7 my thinking.
- 8 So, I sent him an email saying, Can --
- 9 can you chat about Mr. Bentz, I might have just said
- 10 Bentz, which we did later that evening. And Mr.
- 11 Bonwick and I had a conversation. I said, Look at, I
- 12 don't know where this thing's going because this is
- 13 very, very -- like, again, there was -- there's no
- 14 meat on any bones because there was no bones. We were
- 15 just thinking about it.
- 16 But the last thing I wanted to do was
- 17 try to move this thing forward in any way, shape, or
- 18 form and have any kind of an issue. So, what -- what
- 19 Mr. Bonwick said to me was, I hear you, I'll -- I -- I
- 20 will tell you what I will do, I will provide you with
- 21 my proposal that will show you that it has no --
- 22 nothing of Collingwood in it.
- 23 And I said, That's a deal. And so he
- 24 sent it to me. There's no reference to Collingwood in
- 25 it whatsoever. I changed -- I think he co -- he had

- 1 the wor -- different electricity corporations, I
- 2 changed to LDCs or something like that, that's about
- 3 it, and -- and sent it back, God bless.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 5 And did you hear anything about the return proposal
- 6 that you sent back to Mr. Bonwick?
- 7 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I had -- I heard
- 8 nothing about any of that. In fact, we started moving
- 9 -- the direction started moving forward. We were
- 10 starting to -- to get together a little bit more
- 11 information as we were going along.
- 12 And -- and I was curious that I hadn't
- 13 hear anything, so I think I sent an email saying, Have
- 14 you heard anything from PowerStream. And he said, You
- 15 know, interestingly enough, I've got a meeting with
- 16 them or something.
- So, I thought, well, the conversations
- 18 are still going on. I -- I'm not a party to any of
- 19 the -- the ind -- internal things that were going on
- 20 at that point in time.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 22 And so, did you make any inquiries with respect to the
- 23 status of that proposal?
- 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I -- I did not.
- 25 I was -- I was busy doing a million other things,

- 1 looking after planes, trains, and automobiles in the
- 2 Town of Collingwood, plus co -- electricity and water
- 3 and wastewater.
- I -- it was just a curious thing that I
- 5 was thinking about because we were starting to move
- 6 forward. I wanted to make sure that -- that the
- 7 process that we were going forward with was -- was
- 8 above reproach.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right
- 10 So, did you call Mr. Bonwick and ask him what the
- 11 status of his proposal was?
- 12 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: No. I didn't
- 13 think that was any of my business at that point in
- 14 time. We'd already had a conversation.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right.
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: And -- and I felt
- 17 that if they would -- they would do their -- the --
- 18 the things that they need to do if -- if they were
- 19 moving forward. I needed to do the things that I
- 20 needed to do, which I was do -- I was continuing
- 21 doing.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And, again,
- 23 tell me how that relates to your conversation that you
- 24 had with Mr. Muncaster on the morning of the 29th.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, again, one

- 1 (1) of his -- this -- this conversation is now, like,
- 2 in early January. I sent -- three (3) or four (4)
- 3 months later I sent an email asking how things were
- 4 going with PowerStream. He -- he was obviously still
- 5 having a conversation with them.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Email to
- 7 who?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Pardon me?
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Sent the
- 10 email to who?
- 11 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I sent an email
- 12 to Mr. -- Mr. Bonwick asking how things were going
- 13 with PowerStream.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- 15 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: And -- and then I
- 16 -- yeah, I'm having trouble hearing, as well.

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18 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Thank -- thank
- 21 you. Now I forgot where I was.

- 23 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Well, you
- 25 were telling me that you sent an email to Mr. Bonwick

- 1 --
- 2 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- some
- 4 months later.
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: So, I sent an
- 6 email asking how things were going. And he said,
- 7 Interesting enough, I got a meeting with them, or
- 8 whatever the -- the context of that was. And -- and
- 9 then I heard somewhere bef -- you know, around the
- 10 June time that they had -- they had either signed a
- 11 deal or were about to sign a deal. And again, I
- 12 didn't -- I -- I didn't know exactly the details of
- 13 it.
- I -- I believe that Mr. -- if I was
- 15 guessing, I believe that -- that I found out that he
- 16 was going to be working, or potentially working with
- 17 the Collus thing, the deal, if -- if it went forward.
- 18 And so, that was the conversation I had
- 19 with Mr. Muncaster, saying -- you know, I kind of
- 20 originally suggest -- and I think Dean already knew
- 21 that I had suggested that Mr. Bonwick speak to Bentz
- 22 way back when.
- 23 And -- and I just said, I don't want to
- 24 be -- I don't want to be in the room to look like I'm
- 25 an influence or I don't want to be, you know, any of

- 1 those kinds of things.
- I know that Paul continued to work to
- 3 try to do whatever he was doing with -- with
- 4 PowerStream, but, again, I was not party to any of
- 5 those discussions.
- So, I didn't attend the meeting. And
- 7 at the end of the meeting Mr. Muncaster came back to
- 8 me and he said, Mr. Bonwick can -- can help
- 9 Collingwood get a better deal, God bless him, or
- 10 something like that -- to that -- to that nature.
- I felt that full disclosure had been
- 12 made. I golfed later in the afternoon with him; no
- 13 discussion about it, but I felt everything was good in
- 14 our world.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 16 So, you had a golf game, I understand, with -- with
- 17 Mr. Bentz and others on that afternoon?
- 18 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I did.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: On the
- 20 afternoon of the 29th?
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I did, yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Very good.
- 23 And we'll come back to that at a later time. In any
- 24 event, there was a further meeting of the Board of
- 25 Collus Power Corporation that took place on July 8th,

- 1 2011. And that's CPS7018\_0001. Could we pull that
- 2 up, please?
- 3 And these -- the minutes properly set
- 4 out the attendees at that particular meeting, do they?
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 7 And could you go to the bottom of -- of that set of
- 8 minutes? And could you -- actually, it's -- it
- 9 appears to be page 2 of the minutes under,
- 10 "Miscellaneous updates."
- 11 And can you tell us what you understand
- 12 occurred at that meeting and the motion that was
- 13 passed as a result of it?
- 14 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. Basically,
- 15 what we were doing with the solar -- solar vent
- 16 project was we were trying to introduce this into the
- 17 -- into our community. And -- and if -- if His Honour
- 18 will allow me, I'll -- I'll talk about the solar vent.
- 19 Okay. So, the -- the really
- 20 interesting thing about the solar vent is that -- that
- 21 I was looking at this thing as being like the blue box
- 22 of -- of recycling where, you know, when it first came
- 23 out, people really didn't use it.
- 24 But then, if -- if -- all of the
- 25 sudden, if you threw something in the -- in the

- 1 garbage that was supposed to be in the blue box, your
- 2 -- your children are going to yell at you. That
- 3 doesn't go there.
- 4 So -- so, we're -- we created rec --
- 5 people who were doing environmentally the recycling
- 6 thing. So, what I -- what I did was I -- I saw this
- 7 as -- as sort of the potentially -- and I don't mean
- 8 this a derogatory way, but a blue collar opportunity
- 9 to get into the renewable energy system.
- 10 So, not everybody could -- not
- 11 everybody could afford to have, you know, complete
- 12 solar arrays on their homes or those kinds of things.
- 13 What this does though, it allows you to
- 14 put it on your home. It reduces the hot air that's in
- 15 your attic, doesn't add to the energy that's being
- 16 used in the grid. It removes that hot air so that
- 17 you're more comfortable.
- 18 And the other thing is, is that it --
- 19 it would help the Province because it -- it, the same
- 20 kind of thing, checks a whole bunch of boxes. The --
- 21 the -- if you can imagine that most people's -- and
- 22 it's called a coincidence factor, when on a very hot
- 23 day or a very cold day, you know, energy's being
- 24 called.
- But say on a warm summer day air

- 1 conditioners are being called. And as those are co --
- 2 coming on, there's more energy that's being required.
- 3 So, what this does is gets that hot air out of the
- 4 attic. It delays the need for the air conditioner to
- 5 come on, so it removes that coincidence factor.
- 6 The other thing that it does is it
- 7 takes all that hot, moist air out of the attic, which
- 8 then doesn't -- you don't have an issue with any kind
- 9 of mold or mildew after the fact.
- 10 The other thing that checks the boxes
- 11 on a waste management perspective is the fact that it
- 12 extends the life of typically what we have here in
- 13 Ontario, asphalt shingles, because that's what
- 14 happens.
- The attic gets so warm, the heat of the
- 16 warmth of -- of the attic, plus the heat that's coming
- 17 down from the sun makes those asphalt shingles start
- 18 to release the -- the stones and those things.
- 19 So, to me, I looked at this little --
- 20 this little thing that -- that checks so many boxes
- 21 and would be a wonderful thing. We recognize that it
- 22 wasn't going to be some -- that, at that point in
- 23 time, was not a recognized conservation demand
- 24 management project but potentially could be.
- Dean and I also thought, if we're going

- 1 to be going down this path of potentially looking for
- 2 a strategic partner, what a great opportunity to -- to
- 3 go to the partners and say here we've got the little
- 4 guy, Collus, has got this program that we'd like to
- 5 implement in Collingwood and potentially the area, are
- 6 you interested in buying into that concept.
- 7 And it was actually introduced to all
- 8 of them on the -- the days that we had our -- our
- 9 first initial interviews with them, or -- or gauging
- 10 interest, everybody but Hydro One. But Hydro One was
- 11 so unwilling, we didn't know who to deal with at that
- 12 point in time.
- So, it was an interesting concept that
- 14 we thought was pretty cool.
- 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: And so
- 16 what happens here at the meeting is you're told to
- 17 move forward with the project, right? That's --
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Exactly.
- 19 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: That's
- 20 what took place at the meeting?
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah. Exactly.
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- 23 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 25 Now, moving on from that -- from that meeting. I

- 1 understand that, as a result of the instructions you
- 2 received at the June 27th meeting from council, you
- 3 arranged some informal meetings with five (5)
- 4 potential bidders?
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 7 And tell me the -- the nature of those meetings and
- 8 how they proceeded.
- 9 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, the -- the
- 10 strategic partnership we -- we recognized was a -- was
- 11 a hybrid model. It's not a -- it's not strictly a
- 12 partial sale. It's not -- it's not -- it's not a
- 13 status quo. It's not a full sale. It's a -- it's a
- 14 bit of a hybrid model.
- And -- and we weren't certain, you
- 16 know, if -- if anybody would even think it was a great
- 17 idea. We thought it was a great idea, but we wanted
- 18 to gauge that interest.
- 19 So, we just felt, rather than going to
- 20 the issue of creating an RFP and going -- going out
- 21 with an RFP and not have any responses, it made a
- 22 great deal of sense to go and -- and at least gauge
- 23 the interest of those.
- 24 So, what we did was we -- we went out
- 25 and met with who we felt were the appropriate parties.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 2 And how did you come to a decision with respect to who
- 3 the appropriate parties were?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, there were
- 5 some -- I mean, obviously, there were some nature
- 6 ones. Obviously, PowerStream is a natural one (1)
- 7 because they've -- they've been somebody who's been
- 8 rationalizing the industry.
- 9 Veridian had been doing the same thing.
- 10 Horizon had just done it with Hamilton and St.
- 11 Catherines, so those were -- those were given. And
- 12 Hydro One is always there. There's always the fear of
- 13 Hydro One.
- I mean, I -- I wa -- I think I was one
- 15 (1) of the few people in the industry that really had
- 16 no issues with Hydro One. You know, they -- they were
- 17 very good to us during a lot of the periods over the -
- 18 over the years, but -- but certainly there -- there
- 19 are -- there are -- there is a stigma with that.
- 20 And then what we thought we would do is
- 21 there was a bit of a twist with St. Thomas Energy.
- 22 St. Thomas Energy was a utility not much larger than
- 23 Collingwood. He was also a very good friend. I'll
- 24 say that. He was a very good friend of mine, but he -
- 25 they were very creative.

- 1 They own -- they actually owned a
- 2 transformer company, like, a transformer substation
- 3 company. They were doing things outside of the
- 4 Province of Ontario. In fact, they were -- they were
- 5 down in some of the islands.
- 6 We just felt that maybe there was
- 7 something there that we could get from a creative
- 8 perspective. So, those were the five (5) that we --
- 9 we landed on.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 11 And can you give me any sense of who identified those
- 12 five (5) companies and arranged those meetings?
- 13 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: The -- the
- 14 meetings were arranged by our office. Ms. Hogg I
- 15 think arranged those meetings.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: When you say
- 17 your office, you mean --
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Collus.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- the
- 20 office of Collus?
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Actually, I said
- 22 that, but I -- you know, I probably reached out. I
- 23 don't know. I don't recollect, but I probably reached
- 24 out. Maybe the timings were -- were scheduled by --
- 25 by Pam.

- 1 And -- but the -- the people that we
- 2 chose were -- was -- that was a discussion of Dean,
- 3 Mr. McFadden, and -- and Her Worship and I.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 5 And were those -- what was the nature of what happened
- 6 at those meetings? Were they successful meetings?
- 7 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: They were very
- 8 successful. In fact, I was -- I was extremely pleased
- 9 that every time we spoke to them -- and again, we were
- 10 just -- you know, we were now at the 10,000-foot
- 11 level. We were talking about, you know, potentially,
- 12 we're going to be going down this path. We -- we
- 13 think that it'll probably go through an RFP process
- 14 because that's what we talk about.
- 15 We talked about at council on the 27th
- 16 that -- that it would be a partial sale with a twist,
- 17 which would be strategic resources, which we're think
- 18 -- we were hoping that they'd be able to do that. And
- 19 it's like is -- would -- would there be any interest
- 20 of you folks wanting to respond to something like
- 21 that.
- 22 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: While
- 23 Mr. Chenoweth's preparing his next question, do I have
- 24 it right then, the -- the four (4) of you figured out
- 25 who you wanted to approach? And then you had this

- 1 initial meeting to see if there was any -- if -- if
- 2 your suspicion of -- that they would be interested was
- 3 in fact correct?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Your -- Your
- 5 Honour, absolutely. We -- we wanted to gauge to see
- 6 if there's any -- any interest and not going to the
- 7 expense of going with an RFP if it made no sense.

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9 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 11 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I think
- 13 you've told us that you found there was substantial
- 14 interest. I think you told us you found there was
- 15 substantial interest.
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. All of them
- 17 were very interested.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 19 And can you tell me was there any discussion at that
- 20 time about the prospect of any of these parties
- 21 becoming involved in the -- with the solar vent
- 22 concept?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. I mentioned
- 24 it to all of them: PowerStream, Veridian -- Veridian
- 25 had already had conversations already -- and Horizon.

- 1 And I noted that Mr. Freeman said that that didn't
- 2 occur, but there's an email where I sent and said
- 3 great meeting with you folks last week, and as I
- 4 promised, here's the information on the solar-powered
- 5 attic roof vent.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And did you
- 7 at some juncture provide an invitation to Horizon with
- 8 respect to the solar vent situation?
- 9 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Horizon didn't --
- 10 did not appear to be interested in what we were doing
- 11 with the solar vents.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 13 Did you in fact invite them? I ask you to look at
- 14 ALE49458. Could we pull that up, please.

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16 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And this
- 19 indicates that you're saying to Mr. Cananzi -- and
- 20 Mr. Cananzi is who, and who's he with?
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Max is the
- 22 present CEO of Horizon. This is the email that I just
- 23 mentioned.
- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And what
- 25 were you doing with this email, and what were you

- 1 presenting to him?
- 2 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: At our discussion
- 3 that we had had earlier, I'd -- we'd mentioned -- Dean
- 4 and I had mentioned that by the way, we're -- we're
- 5 sort of getting into this -- this solar-powered attic
- 6 roof vent, and Max said that's interesting. Can you
- 7 send me some information? So I was just sending him
- 8 the information.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 10 Thank you. And can you tell me whether Mr. Cananzi
- 11 and Mr. Freeman, who are with this organization, took
- 12 up the opportunity to become involved in the
- 13 solar-powered roof vent project that was presented to
- 14 them in this email?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: No. My
- 16 understanding is -- well, they -- they politely said
- 17 they weren't interested. But I've seen words in
- 18 the -- the document that they weren't interested as
- 19 well.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 21 Thank you. And did you provide an opportunity for
- 22 Veridian and Mr. Angemeer to become involved in the
- 23 solar vent project?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.

- 1 And tell me about you contact with Mr. Angemeer if you
- 2 can recall it and what response you received.
- 3 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I had spoke to
- 4 Mike, and I think at the time, Mike had said that he
- 5 already had some initial contact with Peter Budd.
- 6 And, you know, I -- so I spoke to him -- I think Mike
- 7 again.
- 8 Mike -- Mike and I go back to the EDA.
- 9 He was -- when I was past chair, I think he was either
- 10 vice chair or something like that in the EDA. So I
- 11 know Mike quite well.
- 12 So we had conversations about it, and
- 13 my understanding is that he -- they were going to
- 14 enter in the program and were eventually invited to
- 15 our -- our solar launch.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 17 And --
- 18 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Sorry,
- 19 Mr. Chenoweth. Did they, in fact, then enter into the
- 20 program?
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: If -- if you had
- 22 asked me without me reading the documents or listening
- 23 the other day, I would have said yes. But my
- 24 understanding is from Mike. He -- he felt that they
- 25 purchased, but he's not sure whether they installed.

- 1 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And do you
- 3 know whether Mr. Angemeer and Veridian purchased any
- 4 advertising materials for the solar vent project, the
- 5 event that took place on August 22nd?
- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: To be honest, I
- 7 don't recollect who -- I -- who got involved with
- 8 this -- the advertising. There was -- there was a lot
- 9 of moving parts back then with everything that I was
- 10 doing. I don't recollect on that. I apologize.
- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Mr. Angemeer
- 12 the other day in answer to questions that I put to him
- 13 indicated that they did buy some advertising.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Okay.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Do you --
- 16 are you aware of anything that suggests that's
- 17 inaccurate?
- 18 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: No. I -- I would
- 19 have -- I didn't want to say yes when I was wrong, but
- 20 I honestly didn't -- I don't recollect.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 22 And did PowerStream take the opportunity to become
- 23 involved in this project?
- 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely.
- 25 PowerStream was -- they were very good about it. And

- 1 again, we were pleased, because again, I think it
- 2 shows their willingness to partner, and that was the
- 3 test. That was the litmus test that we were trying to
- 4 do. Whether it was, you know, the best test in the
- 5 entire world.
- 6 But we felt -- and I think -- I think
- 7 even Mr. -- or Mr. McFadden said the same thing. It
- 8 was -- it was a great pilot. It was a great
- 9 opportunity. You know, if -- if OPA had picked it up,
- 10 it would be great.
- But PowerStream even continued on.
- 12 Hydro One -- even though we didn't know, Hydro One
- 13 continued on. They were giving away the Hydro One
- 14 Brampton for free.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I'm sorry.
- 16 I didn't follow that. They were giving away what?
- 17 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: My apologies. I
- 18 carry on. What I -- I said PowerStream continued on
- 19 even after we -- you know, after the partnership sort
- 20 of was -- was set. They continued on with that --
- 21 that concept.
- 22 Hydro One Brampton -- even though we
- 23 made the decision not to maybe introduce it to
- 24 Hydro One 'cause we didn't -- we felt that we'd
- 25 probably go to 30 people and not really get to the

- 1 right person to do it.
- 2 So we just felt we're not going to even
- 3 bother with it. But Hydro One Brampton actually was
- 4 giving away solar vents for free.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Right. Now,
- 6 it's of note that you had five (5) meetings in July
- 7 with five (5) potential bidders.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 10 And it seems that St. Thomas didn't continue as a
- 11 bidder.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: At our very first
- 13 Strategic Task Team meeting, we were talking --
- 14 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I'm
- 15 not sure we really need to get into why St. Thomas
- 16 didn't continue. I think it -- isn't is sufficient
- 17 for our purposes that they didn't continue? Do we
- 18 have to get into the reason why?
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: We will
- 20 probably cover that when I cover the first STT
- 21 meeting, and it has some significance, yes.
- 22 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 23 right.
- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So I'd like
- 25 to deal with that. Otherwise, we don't need to deal

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1 with it because we know they didn't continue.
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- 3 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: In any
- event, you mentioned the first meeting of the
- 6 Strategic Task Force Team, and I understand that that
- 7 took place on August 3rd, 2011. Is that correct?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 10 Could we pull up document number CPS2342.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And, again,
- 15 I don't want to take the trouble to go through the
- 16 attenders but those who were intended to be on the SST
- 17 team, including people like Kim Wingrove and the
- 18 Deputy Mayor Rick Lloyd and the Mayor Sandra Cooper,
- 19 and Mr. Muncaster and Mr. McFadden were at the
- 20 meeting.
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 23 And can you scroll up just slightly if you would
- 24 please, thank you. I get the impression that Mr.
- 25 McFadden broached the subject of where the partnership

- 1 would come in and this was at a -- at a meeting of
- 2 August 3rd, 2011.
- What is your memory of what Mr.
- 4 McFadden raised at that meeting?

- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Well, this --
- 7 this is where his experience was really showing where,
- 8 you know, he -- he talked about, you know, if you --
- 9 if you purchase at a certain level you'll be doing one
- 10 (1) thing; if you do it at another level. So he was
- 11 just basically saying, we need -- we need to know, and
- 12 we need to be sure which -- at what level we're going
- 13 to be doing this. And -- and so he -- again, this is
- 14 -- this is his experience that was showing through,
- 15 and he was enlightening us with all of that.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 17 Was he raising with you the manner in which the shares
- 18 would be acquired, either through the purchase of the
- 19 shares of a power corporation or the shares of the
- 20 holding company?
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. I should
- 22 have been more clear. What -- what Mr. McFadden was
- 23 talking about was, you know, do we carry down the path
- 24 of selling shares of Collus Power, or do we do it at
- 25 Collingwood Utilities Services? And he -- he was just

- 1 suggesting that we need to -- we need to think about
- 2 this.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 4 And I take it that you set out in the meetings or in
- 5 the minutes in any event is a section that talks about
- 6 the debates and brainstorming that the Strategic Task
- 7 Force Team was going to undertake. And what did you
- 8 understand the Team discussed that they would be doing
- 9 at that juncture?
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: There was --
- 11 there was a number of things that we were talking
- 12 about from a brainstorming perspective, like if --
- 13 again, we're going to be going down an RFP process, we
- 14 need to -- we need to know what is -- what's going to
- 15 be in the RFP. We need to know what are the -- sort
- 16 of the wants and desires of the community that we need
- 17 to articulate? What are the wants and desires of --
- 18 of the utility that we need to articulate? We need to
- 19 think about everything from -- from the scoring
- 20 perspective and how we're going to -- how we're go --
- 21 are we going to interview? Do we -- do we first go
- 22 out with an expression of interest?
- 23 So there's a whole bunch of things that
- 24 we actually talked about from that brainstorming
- 25 perspective, and it didn't happen just at this

- 1 meeting. It carried on between the next Strategic
- 2 Task Team and then one with Mr. Herhalt where we
- 3 talked about the RFP as well.
- 4 So it -- it was an ongoing thing where
- 5 we talked about several things as the process went
- 6 along.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And did
- 8 yourself and Mr. Muncaster report to the STT Team on
- 9 that occasion about the July meetings that you'd had
- 10 with the five (5) bidders?
- 11 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 13 And I notice that there's a paragraph:
- 14 "It was decided that we would not
- look for further partnership
- opportunities, such as Corix,
- 17 Fortis, et cetera."
- 18 And can you tell the Commission what
- 19 the discussions were with respect to that evidenced
- 20 matter?
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah. That was
- 22 actually an important point where -- where we weren't
- 23 going to look for a -- just an investor. Like as an
- 24 example, Mississauga has Borealis, and we weren't
- 25 going to be looking for an investor because that --

- 1 that would check -- that would check the box of money,
- 2 but it wouldn't check the box of being able to help
- 3 us -- help strengthen Collingwood and potentially not
- 4 drive the efficiencies that we wanted to do.
- 5 So it was unanimous that we were not
- 6 going to be looking at Corix, Borealis, or Fortis, or
- 7 any of those things. And -- and to be clear, we've
- 8 had discussions with Fortis and -- and Corix in the
- 9 past.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 11 And what approach did they take to being involved in
- 12 LDCs?
- 13 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Fortis owns a
- 14 portion of a couple utilities in Ontario. Borealis
- 15 owns 10 percent of Mississauga. It -- it's an
- 16 investment. Even Mr. -- Mr. McFadden was talking
- 17 about pension plans, but he felt that this was way too
- 18 small. Like pension plans will -- you know, they'll
- 19 throw a hundred -- hundred million dollars and -- and
- 20 give it to you over a hundred years because they
- 21 would -- all they want to do is collect the interest
- 22 on that.
- 23 But obviously, at something the size of
- 24 Collingwood, he -- he didn't think that we ever have
- 25 any interest of a pension plan. But irrespective of

- 1 that, it was not something that -- that we were even
- 2 considering. But that was kinds of the discussions
- 3 that were taking place at this meeting.
- And, Your Honour, tell me if I keep
- 5 talking too much.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
- 7 Well -- and no. I was just going to ask
- 8 Mr. Chenoweth, you know, just appreciate that they
- 9 didn't want an investor. We've heard that evidence,
- 10 and this indicated they rejected a couple of potential
- 11 parties because they thought they were strictly
- 12 investors.
- But I think getting into why pension
- 14 funds would not invest doesn't help. And I'm not sure
- 15 that we need to know more than they identified -- the
- 16 four (4) they identified and approached them they were
- 17 interested. I'm not sure the rest of it's helpful.
- 18 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: My -- my
- 19 apologies.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Well, Your
- 21 Honour, my purpose in asking Mr. Houghton about the
- 22 sentence that deals with Corix and Fortis was to bring
- 23 out exactly what you've mentioned, i.e., the STT Team,
- 24 and this project was not looking for investors of this
- 25 nature.

- 1 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Right.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And having
- 3 brought that out, I think that's all I wish to bring
- 4 out.
- 5 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Yeah.
- 6 I think so because I think we have that evidence --
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I think we
- 8 do.
- 9 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: --
- 10 that that's not what they were looking for.
- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I think -- I
- 12 think that's right. We do. And I'm quite -- my
- 13 purpose is to move on.
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- 15 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And there's
- 17 another statement there which I think is an important
- 18 acknowledgment by the STT Team. It was agreed that we
- 19 are investigating this venture to make Collus stronger
- 20 through a partnership, not a sale of a utility.
- 21 What was your understanding of the
- 22 discussions that took place at that meeting with
- 23 respect to that?
- 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: From -- from
- 25 Collus' side that was the most important part. We

- 1 could do all of this and give the Town of Collingwood
- 2 cash and check all the boxes. Everything that we were
- 3 asked to do.

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- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Got it,
- 6 thank you. When you're talking about the boxes,
- 7 you're talking about the debt and the efficiencies and
- 8 the boxes you mentioned at earlier times, is that
- 9 correct?
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 12 And -- and you were able to report to them as
- 13 indicated in the last paragraph on page 1 that there
- 14 was substantial interest.
- 15 Is that right?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 18 That was what was established at your July meetings?
- 19 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.

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22 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I
- 25 understand you spoke of a nondisclosure agreement at

- 1 that meeting?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And what, if
- 4 anything, were the discussions about that?
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Really, what the
- 6 non -- nondisclosure agreement was really intended for
- 7 was that Collus was going to be -- was going to
- 8 literally give four (4) different companies all of our
- 9 financials, all of the intimate information of --
- 10 about our company, so we wanted to make sure that --
- 11 that those things stayed within -- within the now five
- 12 (5) parties.
- 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 14 And I noticed it was Ms. Wingrove that suggested that
- 15 St. Thomas need not be included in any further bid
- 16 materials?
- 17 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, and I think
- 18 for the right reasons.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 20 And Ms. Wingrove, was she an active functioning member
- 21 of the STT Team?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: She was,
- 23 absolutely.
- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 25 And I take it that it was discussed that further

- 1 interviews would be arranged with the four (4)
- 2 continuing bidders?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you
- 5 discussed the dates on which that would take place?
- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.

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9 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I
- 12 understand there was a -- a further meeting of the STT
- 13 Team, i.e., the second meeting of the STT Team, and
- 14 that took place on the 29th of August, 2011?
- 15 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 17 And I notice that the minutes for that meeting are
- 18 contained at CPS8756 00001, and if we could look at
- 19 that very quickly, it seems obvious that Mr. McFadden
- 20 was not in attendance at that meeting?
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct,
- 22 but he provided us with a -- a fulsome email first.
- 23 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 24 Thank you. And if we could go to that email, which is
- 25 document number CPS0002345, if we could have a look at

343 that document, please. 2 3 (BRIEF PAUSE) 5 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Could you 7 scroll up on that so that the witness might have an opportunity to view the document, somewhat slowly? Thank you. Mr. Houghton, are you having any 10 difficulty hearing me? Am I --11 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: No. I am -- I'm good now, thank you. 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you 14 very much. 15 16 (BRIEF PAUSE) 17 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Now, I take 19 it that this was an email that was sent by Mr. McFadden. For what purpose, as you understand it? 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: He was unable to 22 attend but obviously wanted to provide the group with 23 his -- his learned thoughts. 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right. 25 And do I take it that the -- he was concerned about a

- 1 whole series of matters and he was concerned that it -
- 2 that you take the time for the shareholder to state
- 3 its objectives?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah. I'm not
- 5 sure "concerned" is a correct word but he -- he -- he
- 6 pointed out some of these considerations that he had,
- 7 yes.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 9 And did he identify a consideration as ensuring that -
- 10 that key objectives be identified so the bidder can
- 11 be more vitally involved in the process?
- 12 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. As he notes
- 13 in his email, yeah.
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 15 And it's important that you get a clear understanding
- 16 of each bidder's vision in order to be able to assess
- 17 their bids?
- 18 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 19 And then that's what the interviews were for, yes.
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I think
- 21 he indicated to you his advice was, and I think it's
- 22 significant, that if they are not in sync -- that if
- 23 they aren't in sync, we shouldn't do a deal even if
- 24 the up-front money is better, since this will only
- 25 lead to potential serious problems and disputes later.

- 1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's -- that's
- 2 correct. He -- his concern was that somebody -- if
- 3 somebody came in and just threw a bundle of cash at
- 4 it, that we would answer one (1) of the boxes but we
- 5 wouldn't be able to answer the other box, which would
- 6 be strengthening Collus and driving efficiencies.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And he
- 8 indicated that you need to be clear as to what is
- 9 available to prospective bidders, up to 50 percent but
- 10 not 51 percent?
- 11 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That was the
- 12 instructions that we were getting from -- from
- 13 Council, that they were not interested in -- in
- 14 selling more than 50 percent.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And as you
- 16 understand it, at this meeting of August 29th, is that
- 17 a concept that was adopted by the STT team?
- 18 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, it was.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: In fact, the
- 21 conversation was, at one point 49 percent -- 49
- 22 percent for the bidder, 51 for Collingwood, and that
- 23 both the experiences of Mr. McFadden and -- and Mr.
- 24 Muncaster, they're saying that a true partnership is
- 25 50/50 and you can't -- you can't have a 51 percent

- 1 owner and be the small person.
- 2 You're not going to get the same --
- 3 you're not going to get the same level of partnership.
- 4 So they were very clear about that because in -- in my
- 5 mind, I mean, not -- not having the experiences they
- 6 had, I would have been probably putting my hand up,
- 7 say 51/49, but -- but they were clear to get the -- to
- 8 get the level of cooperation and the partnerships, it
- 9 -- it should be 50/50.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: If -- I
- 11 notice that Mr. McFadden raises governance structure
- 12 and governance issue, composition of the Board, et
- 13 cetera, rotating Chairs, in his email.
- 14 Was that a matter that was the subject
- 15 of some discussion at the August 29th STT meeting?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, it was. The
- 17 nature of the business, we have -- typically we have
- 18 political people sitting on the Board, so that causes
- 19 -- sometimes causes concerns by some, but I don't very
- 20 often recollect that we -- we did -- we did anything
- 21 that we didn't have near consensus on.
- So, yes, because 50/50; yes, there was
- 23 going to be equal amounts of representation from both
- 24 parties on the Board, and they felt that there was
- 25 ways to get around it quite easily.

- 1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 2 You've indicated a discussion with respect to
- 3 governance.
- 4 Tell me, as this matter proceeded
- 5 through the five (5) STT meetings that took place, how
- 6 did the STT team vote or proceed or what was their
- 7 practice in that respect?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: A consensus, a
- 9 hundred percent consensus. And again, I don't
- 10 recollect any time that there was a -- sort of an
- 11 opposing type view. I mean, I could be wrong but I
- 12 don't recollect that.
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 14 think we did hear evidence there was never a vote.
- 15 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I think there was
- 16 only one (1) vote, Your Honour, and that -- pardon me?
- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: At the
- 18 end?
- 19 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I think there was
- 20 one (1) vote and that was, I think, maybe engaging the
- 21 KPMG. I think that was the only time we actually did
- 22 a vote.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 24 the rest of the time was by consensus?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: By consensus,

1 that's correct.

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- 3 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And that was
- 5 -- as you've indicated, you don't recall an occasion
- 6 other than a vote on which there wasn't a hundred
- 7 percent consensus --
- 8 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I don't
- 9 recollect.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- as
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 13 And I note that Mr. McFadden indicates that he's in
- 14 agreement with the suggestion of having KPMG develop
- 15 the RFP?
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And -- and I
- 18 note that the minutes that we earlier talked about,
- 19 which is CPS8756 00001 -- can we pull those up, if you
- 20 would, please, again?

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22 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And just
- 25 show the witness these -- these minutes, if you would,

1 please, by scrolling down and -- and stop briefly at

2 the action items.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I'm
- 7 simply going to ask you if these are the action items
- 8 that -- that were authorized by the STT meeting of
- 9 August 29th.
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: These are the
- 11 action items, and I should say that Mr. Muncaster read
- 12 out the letter from Mr. McFadden to ensure --
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- 14 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: -- that everybody
- 15 was aware of it.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 17 Now, I understand that -- that thereafter there was
- 18 arrangements made for further meetings with the
- 19 bidders?
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 22 And I understand in that respect there was
- 23 correspondence forwarded by Mr. Muncaster to each one
- 24 of the bidders.
- 25 Is that the case?

350 1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct. 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I'm showing you document TOC516275. Could we pull that up 3 quickly? 5 6 (BRIEF PAUSE) MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And if you could scroll up in that document so the witness can 10 see it, please. 11 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Thank you. 12 13 (BRIEF PAUSE) 14 15 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Up past the signature, if you would. Scroll up past the 17 signature. Thank you. 18 And this is obviously an invitation by 19 Mr. Muncaster to these meetings. Is that the case? 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, it is. 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you. 22 And I take it that Mr. Muncaster made it clear to the people that were invited to the meeting, what the 24 particular concerns were that the strategic task team 25 wished the bidders to direct their minds to at those

- 1 meetings?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. That was
- 3 the intent of the letter as well.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And at the
- 5 various meetings that took place, did the bidders
- 6 direct their minds to those matters?
- 7 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yeah. The -- the
- 8 -- primarily they did. Their presentations were all
- 9 pretty good, pretty comprehensive. Some of them you -
- 10 I felt -- I felt they could have maybe looked at
- 11 this letter a little closer and maybe addressed a few
- 12 of the issues a little better.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 14 And tell me, was there slide presentations given by
- 15 various people at these meetings?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. Not all of
- 17 them, but yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 19 And I think we know that on September 12th there was a
- 20 meeting with Hydro One and a second meeting with
- 21 Veridian. Is that the case?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct,
- 23 yes.
- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: On the 19th
- 25 of September there was a meeting with PowerStream and

- 1 a meeting with Horizon, correct?
- 2 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And can you
- 7 tell me whether at these meetings there was an
- 8 indication of what the dates would be for the various
- 9 events that related to the RFP?
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 11 At the end of the -- at the end -- end of these
- 12 interviews we let them know that -- what our intent
- 13 was and our -- our estimated dates of follow-up, like,
- 14 October 4th, when it would be called, and then -- and
- 15 then sort of our quesstimates beyond that, yes.
- 16 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And,
- 17 obviously, the Strategic Task Force Team, you
- 18 indicated, spoke of the idea of retaining KPMG to
- 19 assist with the RFP?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And they did
- 22 that on the -- at the August 29th meeting?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That is correct.
- 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 25 And were there discussions with KPMG with respect to

- 1 their participation in this matter following that --
- 2 that meeting and -- and following the meetings with
- 3 the four (4) bidders?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct,
- 5 yes.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I notice
- 7 correspondence of, if you could pull it up, please,
- 8 CPS2417.

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10 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I'll
- 13 spend a little time on this as I don't think there's
- 14 much of an issue with respect to it. This is
- 15 September 9th, 2011, correspondence in which KPMG
- 16 submits their proposal with respect to the assistance
- 17 that they might proffer in the development of the
- 18 RFPs, correct?
- 19 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 20 That's correct.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.

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23 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Now, did --

- 1 did Mr. Herhalt attend the meeting of the STT team
- 2 thereafter?
- 3 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: He attended the
- 4 interviews and the -- the meeting to determine the
- 5 RFP, yes --
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 7 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: -- and by call on
- 8 the others.
- 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 10 And I notice that there is some notes made by Mr.
- 11 Herhalt that are reflected at document number
- 12 KPM3229.0001. Could you pull up those, if you would,
- 13 please?
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- 15 (BRIEF PAUSE)
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- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Would you
- 18 have a look at these please, witness?
- 19 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. These --
- 20 these are the notes, as I understand it, Mr. Herhalt
- 21 put together prior to the discussion with the
- 22 Strategic Task Team regarding the RFP.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And there's
- 24 a series of -- of items that are -- that are set out
- 25 in this -- in this email -- or not this email, this

- 1 set of notes. And it talks about strategic
- 2 partnership scope, specific subject -- objectives be
- 3 clear.
- 4 Was there a discussion at the September
- 5 28th meeting with respect to the objectives that the
- 6 STT team wanted to accomplish and how they might make
- 7 them clear?
- 8 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 9 And in -- in the conversation that I had when we -- I
- 10 -- we were engaging Mr. Herhalt, that -- that was one
- 11 (1) of the items that I talked to him about.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And again,
- 13 as you've already indicated, there was discussions
- 14 with respect to governance that were led by Mr.
- 15 Herhalt at that meeting --
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- and
- 18 inspired by Mr. McFadden's email?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Correct.

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21 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And was
- 24 there a discussion at that meeting about the -- the
- 25 criteria that might be used in this particular RFP,

- 1 the criteria to assess?
- 2 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: There was
- 3 significant discussion, yes.
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 5 And can you tell me about that, if you would, please?
- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: The Town of
- 7 Collingwood has employed for many years what we were
- 8 calling the two (2) envelope system. And -- and why
- 9 did that -- it was primarily with consultants and
- 10 things like that because we didn't want somebody
- 11 coming in and saying I can do that for ten thousand
- 12 dollars (\$10,000) and they be the cheapest. And --
- 13 and, obviously, if you've gone through a tender
- 14 process, that would be an issue for you.
- So, we -- we wanted to make sure that
- 16 the people who we were dealing with had the skill sets
- 17 and the -- the right people that were going to have
- 18 the boots on the ground to be able to do these things.
- 19 So, this -- this was a process the Town
- 20 of Collingwood had done for years. And -- and all of
- 21 the projects that I was involved with at Public Works
- 22 and those things, we always used the two (2) envelope
- 23 system.
- 24 So, we wanted to use again -- because
- 25 it's a Collingwood process, we wanted to use the two

- 1 (2) envelope system. So, then we had the discussion
- 2 about, you know, what -- what should the weightings be
- 3 and how should that happen.
- 4 And again, there was a concern that --
- 5 that, if the idea was from a Collus perspective that
- 6 we wanted to make sure that we got a strategic partner
- 7 that could provide us with significant resources, that
- 8 was going to be important to us.
- 9 And -- and on the other, you know,
- 10 obviously, if we went through all of this, the cash
- 11 was going to be, yes, that's the great part that we
- 12 could be able to provide to Her Worship, which was
- 13 originally what she was thinking, as well.
- 14 So, we had quite a discussion amongst
- 15 the task team and -- and we landed in the 70/30. I
- 16 mean, we could have been 60/40, but, typically, when
- 17 we've -- we've done it in the past, it has been 70/30,
- 18 yes. So, that's why -- that's why we went with the
- 19 70/30.
- 20 And -- and, you know, I've heard --
- 21 I've heard some people talk about being 50/50, but
- 22 there's no use having a two (2) envelope system, it's
- 23 50/50. You just -- you just ask for the price and the
- 24 -- and the team that you're going to put together.
- 25 It had to be -- it had to be separated.

- 1 It had to be separated so that you could evaluate the
- 2 team or the non-financial, as we were calling it, and
- 3 then -- and then, later, over -- afterwards, the --
- 4 the pricing.
- 5 You know, I -- I even heard, you know,
- 6 Mr. Fryer's rationale about the -- the difference
- 7 between the 30/30 and -- and that there's a lot of
- 8 validity to that, as well. And -- and I think that
- 9 that might have been a discussion we had back then. I
- 10 don't recollect, but -- but there was quite a
- 11 discussion.
- 12 And we landed on that place because we
- 13 really wanted to have somebody that was going to allow
- 14 us to be bigger, better, and stronger.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 16 And was there a discussion about the non-financial
- 17 criteria --
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: At this meeting?
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- about,
- 20 yes, a breakdown of that non-financial criteria?
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: This was the RFP
- 22 meeting, so, yes, we talked about the -- the non-
- 23 financial. And -- and we talked about what was
- 24 important to -- what was important to the community.
- We talked about synergies. We talked

- 1 about culture. We talked about employees. We talked
- 2 about a whole bunch of things. And that's where we
- 3 landed on that, the -- the different items within
- 4 that, the 70 percent, the non-financial.
- 5 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So --
- 6 so you resolved two (2) things. You resolved that it
- 7 was going to be 70/30 and you resolved what the
- 8 criteria were going to be for the non-financial aspect
- 9 for the 70 percent?
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely, Your
- 11 Honour. Yes.

- 13 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 15 And did you have a discussion with respect to the
- 16 contents of the RFP at that meeting?
- 17 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Do you mean the
- 18 ter -- the bones of the RFP?
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, because Mr.
- 21 Herhalt actually brought a slide presentation in. And
- 22 he had done a significant amount of work. And,
- 23 obviously, they -- they must have done this in the
- 24 past, so he -- he brought that in. And we went
- 25 through slide by slide in ad nauseam and -- and made

1 any of the changes and those kinds of things that --

- 2 that the -- that the group felt were required.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 4 And I'm showing to you document number KPM3227. And I
- 5 don't intend to go through every page of this
- 6 document, Your Honour.
- 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 8 I think the witness used the word 'ad nauseam'. I
- 9 didn't use it.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: He did.
- 11 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: It was
- 12 not my phrase.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I -- I said it
- 14 and looked at you.
- 15 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: That's the
- 16 moti --
- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 18 appreciate --
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: That's the
- 20 motivator for my comment, Your Honour.
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- 22 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: In any
- 24 event, is this the slide presentation that was before
- 25 you -- before the STT team on September 29th?

Transcript Date June 4, 2019 361 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That is correct. 1 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right. 3 And --5 (BRIEF PAUSE) 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I notice that it has a series of notations on it. What do you believe those notations to be? 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: My -- excuse me. 11 My understanding is these are -- this is John Herhalt's slide deck himself. And he wrote these notes and made the changes. And, like, as an example, at the top, I think Diane is his -- is his executive 15 assistant. She's going to edit and sent it to Pam Hogg, who is my executive assistant. 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I -- I

- 18 think he testified. And I -- didn't Mr. Herhalt
- 19 identify his handwriting?
- 20 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I believe he
- 21 did.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Yes.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 24 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: He
- 25 identified his own handwriting.

362 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes. 1 2 you. 3 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I note that -- if we could scroll down through that, proposed evaluation, go to -- go to that, which would be item 8 4. 9 10 (BRIEF PAUSE) 11 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I take it that there was a fulsome discussion with respect to 13 14 the nature of the non-financial criteria, a breakdown 15 of those criteria? 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct. 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And is that 18 reflected to some extent in the notes that are made on 19 this particular slide? 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct. 21 22 (BRIEF PAUSE) 23 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And as a 25 result of the discussions had on that day at the STT

1 Team, were you in receipt of a revised draft of the

- 2 RFP?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 4 Mr. Herhalt forwarded it to us, yes.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 6 Thank you. And would you pull up TOC516411.

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: If you
- 11 scroll down, please. That's good. Thank you.
- 12 And I take it in his email of
- 13 September 30th at 2:30 p.m., Mr. Herhalt sends you the
- 14 revised draft in Word and asks you to circulate that.
- 15 Is that correct?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 17 And I think what he was -- why he said in Word was
- 18 because his other draft was in the slide deck.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 20 And could you go up to the next email if you would,
- 21 please. Thank you.
- 22 And I take it in the email of Friday,
- 23 September 30th at 2:32, you send out that revised RFP
- 24 to the members of the STT Team. Is that correct?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.

1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Good. Thank

- 2 you. Now, I understand that there was another meeting
- 3 of the Council -- the Town Council on October 3rd,
- 4 2011.
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And that's
- 7 contained in document number TOC0512163. Could you
- 8 pull up that document, please.

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10 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And can you
- 13 tell me -- the minutes aren't fulsome, so can you tell
- 14 me the nature of the matters that were discussed at
- 15 that October 3rd Town Council meeting?
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. Yeah. The
- 17 minutes aren't fulsome, but it basically captures what
- 18 we were doing. We gave them a detailed presentation.
- 19 We -- we talked about our work that we'd been doing.
- 20 We'd been working with KPMG, put together the RFP. We
- 21 were ready to do that.
- 22 We had -- if you can see, at the
- 23 meeting was Mr. Muncaster, who's a Board member and on
- 24 the STT team. So was Doug Garbutt, Mr. Fryer, and
- 25 myself, and Ms. Wingrove, as well as Her Worship and

- 1 deputy mayor. So we pretty much had the Strategic
- 2 Task Team there, save -- save and except for a couple.
- 3 So it was -- it was a fulsome
- 4 discussion. One of the issues with -- with in-camera
- 5 minutes we -- the person attend -- like as a staff
- 6 person attending an in-camera meeting, I never get to
- 7 read the minutes, so I never really know what's in
- 8 those minutes. And it's usually they're bundled up
- 9 two (2) or three (3) months down the road and get them
- 10 all approved. But I think this one is relatively --
- 11 you know, tells -- tells us the story pretty good.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 13 And I understand, as you've said, there was a slide
- 14 deck that was presented to the individuals in
- 15 attendance on that day?
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 18 And I think the slide deck is -- maybe it's not. Yes,
- 19 the slide deck is ALE5133.0003.

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21 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 23 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I take
- 24 it this was a slide deck that was at the meeting on
- 25 that day?

- 1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, it is.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 3 And unfortunately, I don't have numbers on my slides
- 4 here. But I note that -- and I'll just highlight a
- 5 couple of these matters.
- 6 It would appear at item 3 -- it's
- 7 titled item 3, "3.9 anticipated process."
- 8 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Keep scrolling
- 9 down.
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You might go
- 11 back just for one (1) second to the slide that you
- 12 just passed.
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Is
- 14 this the slide deck -- with one of the witnesses,
- 15 Mr. Chenoweth, you went through each slide in the
- 16 slide deck. I think it was this slide presentation.
- We went through each slide, and the
- 18 purpose of that, I think, was your desire to give us
- 19 all a flavour for what had actually taken place at the
- 20 Council meeting.
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- 22 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So I'm
- 23 not sure that it's necessary, and in fact, I don't
- 24 think it is to go through the slide deck again.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: As you can

- 1 tell from the approach I'm taking, it's not my purpose
- 2 to go through each one of the slides. But I thought I
- 3 would highlight certain of the slides. If you don't
- 4 wish me to do so, I won't do it --
- 5 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 6 I --
- 7 MS. KATE MCGRANN: If I may, I think
- 8 the slide you're looking for is slide 11.
- 9 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 10 don't want to inhibit --
- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- for a
- 12 variety of slides. But --
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 14 don't want to inhibit you unduly, but I really don't
- 15 think it's necessary to go through the slides -- a
- 16 significant number of these slides. If you could --
- 17 if there a couple that are important to you, by all
- 18 means. But --
- 19 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: That's all I
- 20 intended to do.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: All
- 22 right.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And that's
- 24 all I'm going to do. And in particular, I was
- 25 referring to the slide that's titled 3. And it -- go

1 ahead. Go down to that if you would, please.

- 3 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 4 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And I think
- 5 in this slide you were outlining to Council the dates
- 6 on which you intended various things to happen, i.e.,
- 7 the date of October 4th on which the RFP was to be
- 8 released and the November 16th date on which you would
- 9 get responses for those RFPs.
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 11 And these are the dates that we -- we supplied the
- 12 folks when we had the interview as well.
- 13 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 14 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: And as you can
- 15 see, we didn't meet the last three (3).
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And in --
- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I'm
- 18 sorry to interrupt, Mr. Chenoweth. These are the
- 19 dates you supplied...
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: During the
- 21 interview process, we talked about -- at the very end
- 22 of all of the interviews, we said to them you should
- 23 be able to expect that on October 4th if everything
- 24 goes properly, this is when the RFP -- we're going to
- 25 be released, and here's the amount of time that you'd

- 1 have, and here's what's our intent.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: When
- 3 you say the meetings, there were two (2) sets of
- 4 meetings.
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So
- 7 which --
- 8 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Sorry. The
- 9 interview meetings that we had with the --
- 10 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: In
- 11 September.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes.
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I see.
- 14 So in -- at the September meetings, they were given
- 15 these dates?
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: These were our
- 17 estimated dates, correct. Yes.
- 18 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: So
- 19 that was communicated to each --
- 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 21 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: -- one
- 22 of them?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 24 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Thank
- 25 you.

- 1 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Just to go
- 3 back with respect to His Honour's question about
- 4 dates, will you just scroll up if you would, please.
- 5 Further up. You were going to -- there was another
- 6 slide with a series of dates in it which may assist
- 7 His Honour.

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9 (BRIEF PAUSE)

- 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Keep going.
- 12 Keep going. I think -- there you go. Got it.
- So I take it that you advised the
- 14 councillors on that occasion. You gave them an update
- 15 with respect to the processes you were going through
- 16 at the STT Team?
- 17 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You told
- 19 them about the interviews that took place on August --
- 20 or sorry -- September 12th and September 19th?
- 21 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That is correct.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: I
- 23 just -- I don't want to be -- I don't want to make a
- 24 big deal out of it. I just don't want to be confused.
- 25 At the meetings on September 12th and

- 1 September 19th, is it your evidence that the people
- 2 being interviewed were told the dates that we were
- 3 dealing with on that other slide, the -- when the RFP
- 4 would be released, when the RFP was due back, when the
- 5 bid was due back, and when you would likely -- a
- 6 decision would be made. I just want to make sure I
- 7 understand correctly what that was.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, Your Honour.
- 9 What -- what we tried to do at the end of the meeting
- 10 was provide them with what they could expect, and we
- 11 told them that we were intending to go to Council and
- 12 get approval. And if we get approval, we believed
- 13 that the RFP will be going out on this -- this day.
- 14 And that we were -- we believed that the RFPs could
- 15 come back this day.
- 16 And then we sort of extended it beyond
- 17 that which the days were wrong. But we were trying to
- 18 give them an expectation that they could gear
- 19 themselves up, that in about a week and a half they
- 20 would be able to see that there was an RFP that was
- 21 going to be going out. Yes.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Okay.
- 23 Thanks.
- 24
- 25 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:

1 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Now, again

- 2 moving down to item number 4 "proposed evaluation."
- 3 Can we just look at that quickly. Thank you.
- 4 And obviously this slide, you were
- 5 doing the presentation. Was this slide reviewed with
- 6 the councillors on that October 3rd meeting?
- 7 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Absolutely.
- 8 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And so they
- 9 would have understood that the investment for up to
- 10 50 percent -- the price that was bid on that
- 11 50 percent, points for that would have been 30 out of
- 12 100.
- 13 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 15 And they would have understood that there was other
- 16 non-financial criteria that were valued at 70 percent.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: They would
- 19 have understood from the presentation on October 3rd
- 20 the items that also were receiving points, including
- 21 the strategic and specialized resources at 30 percent?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct.
- 23 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So they
- 24 would have understood that that was important to the
- 25 people that we're going to evaluate these matters?

- 1 They understood that that would be the scoring
- 2 approach that would be taken with respect to the bids
- 3 as received?
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That is correct.
- 5 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 6 And they would understand that in addition, there was
- 7 other matters that were receiving points, such as
- 8 support for employees, customer experience and
- 9 satisfaction, supporting the interest of the
- 10 community, and competitive distribution rates, and
- 11 cost structure of Collus, and cultural synergies.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I think His
- 13 Honour probably knows, I would go that -- through that
- 14 at length.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 16 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
- 17 Understandable.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yeah. Yeah.
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- 20 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 21 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: So this was
- 22 emphasized to them to some substantial extent.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: This was an
- 24 important --
- 25 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: That's

- 1 what the witness has said.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I didn't
- 3 want to use --
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: This was
- 5 important to us. Yes.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: -- use the
- 7 word nausea, but I thought I'd -- I'd avoid that.

- 9 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- 10 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: In any
- 11 event, the matters set out in these slides are what --
- 12 where advised to Council on that particular evening.
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, sir.
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And this was
- 15 an in-camera meeting of Council?
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, it was.
- 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Again, the
- 18 minutes are not fulsome. But can you tell me whether
- 19 or not there was any direction given by the Council on
- 20 October 3rd as to how the STT Team and others involved
- 21 should proceed?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I think that the
- 23 Council was pleased with what we had done so far, and
- 24 they -- they asked us to send the RFP out the very
- 25 next day.

Transcript Date June 4, 2019 375 1 (BRIEF PAUSE) 2 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And you did so. 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: And we did so. MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right. 6 7 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: think that's obvious that they did it. 9 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I think it is, too. And I don't intend to spend a great deal of 10 11 time on it. 12 13 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And it was 14 15 sent to all four (4) bidders on that occasion. 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. 17 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you. 18 Now as I understand it, on November 16th, the bids in 19 response to the RFP were returned. 20 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct. What date did you say? Sorry? 21 22 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I may have 23 said September. 24 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I thought so,

25 yeah.

- 1 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
- 2 November.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: If I did, it
- 4 was in error.
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: It was a mistake.
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I meant to
- 8 say November 16th.
- 9 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Thank you.

- 11 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 13 And can you tell me what is your understanding of how
- 14 those -- first of all, the non-financial aspect of the
- 15 bids or the bid envelope with respect to non-financial
- 16 got to the individuals involved, the STT Team?
- 17 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: When the -- when
- 18 the bids were returned, the intent was that they would
- 19 have nine (9) or ten (10) different separate packages
- 20 within each bid package, and they would be highlighted
- 21 as financial and non-financial.
- The non-financial was either then
- 23 hand delivered by Pam Hogg, and/or those that were out
- 24 of town, I think the information was sent
- 25 electronically because I believe they also had a

- 1 stick -- memory stick.
- 2 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you.
- 3 And was there an evaluation process with respect to
- 4 that?
- 5 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes, there was.
- 6 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: You've told
- 7 me that -- when did the individuals get their
- 8 packages?
- 9 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Sometime
- 10 immediately after we received them. I don't know
- 11 exactly to tell you a date.
- 12 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And what
- 13 instructions, if any, did they get with respect to
- 14 what they should do with the non-financial packages
- 15 that were delivered to them?
- 16 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Mr. Muncaster and
- 17 I talked about it, and I believe there's an email that
- 18 we talked about it saying that -- that if you felt
- 19 that bidder number 1 was the best bid that you would
- 20 give them the full points. And then you -- your best
- 21 judgment gauged the other ones. And I think some
- 22 people did that but some people didn't.
- 23 But we were just trying to give a
- 24 little bit more clarity to -- from the bidding. I
- 25 think somebody might have asked that question, and I

- 1 think we just tried to provide a little bit more
- 2 clarity on it.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And was
- 4 there another meeting of the STT Team on
- 5 November 16th?
- 6 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: On the 16th?
- 7 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I believe it
- 8 was the 16th.
- 9 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: I'm trying to
- 10 recollect the days.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Ah. No, I
- 12 think it was the 16th. I believe I've got it right.
- 13 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: What
- 14 was the date of the meeting?
- MS. KATE MCGRANN: It was
- 16 November 23rd.
- 17 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: 23rd,
- 18 Mr. Chenoweth.
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right.
- 20 I may be in error. It's getting late in the day, and
- 21 that's very possible. In fact, you're right. It was
- 22 November 23rd.
- 23
- 24 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH:
- MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And before

379 we go to November 23rd, I understand there was another Council meeting on November 17th. Correct? 3 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: That's correct. MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: All right. And could we turn to CJI10500. Actually, I may have that wrong. Let's try TOC512157. 7 (BRIEF PAUSE) 9 10 THE COURT OPERATOR: 512517? 11 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: 512157. 12 13 (BRIEF PAUSE) 14 15 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: This is probably -- once you've been through this document, this is probably a good point to break for the day. 17 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you, 19 Your Honour. 20 21 (BRIEF PAUSE) 22 23 CONTINUED BY MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: 24 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And can you 25 tell what occurred at this particular meeting?

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1 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: We took the
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- 2 preliminary findings of the RFPs to -- to Council.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Yes.
- 4 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: And at that -- at
- 5 that meeting, we -- there's actually an error in this
- 6 which there was -- it says five (5) proposals were
- 7 received and four (4) proposals were reviewed. We had
- 8 only had four (4) proposals. I think when we were
- 9 explaining to them, we said originally way back when
- 10 there was five (5), but we only -- we only sent it out
- 11 to four (4).
- But irrespective of that, we -- we gave
- 13 them an update on -- on the proposals that we had
- 14 received, and we were seeking their direction to move
- 15 forward, both with a media release as well as a public
- 16 information centre that we wanted to have on November
- 17 the 22nd.
- 18 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: And to the
- 19 best of your knowledge, did Council at that time
- 20 approve the issuance of an information release and for
- 21 a meeting to take place -- a public meeting -- on
- 22 November 22nd, 2011?
- MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Yes. I believe
- 24 that they -- when they came out of in-camera, they
- 25 actually went to Council and had sent a -- or approved

- 1 a motion to send the draft -- or send the media
- 2 release and establish the date.
- 3 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: I think
- 4 that's the end of that particular meeting, Your
- 5 Honour. It may be a good place to pause.
- THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO:
- 7 Mr. Houghton, in order to avoid any misunderstandings
- 8 later on, you should not discuss the evidence you have
- 9 given with anyone until you come back.
- 10 MR. EDWIN HOUGHTON: Probably nobody
- 11 wants to listen to my stories anyway.
- 12 THE HONOURABLE FRANK MARROCCO: Well,
- 13 I think that is -- it's on TV, so...
- 14 MR. FREDERICK CHENOWETH: Thank you,
- 15 Your Honour.

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19 --- Upon adjourning at 5:39 p.m.

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21 Certified Correct,

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- 24 Wendy Woodworth, Ms.

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