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2	DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
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4	RE: CITY OF WICHITA'S APPLICATIONS TO APPROPRIATE WATER TO OPERATE AN AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY PROJECT IN HARVEY COUNTY, KANSAS
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-11	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
12	Transcript of public hearing held at the
13	Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, 1100 Plum Street,
14	Hutchinson, Kansas, commencing at 8:10 a.m., on Tuesday,
15	December 21, 2004, before Hearing Officer David L. Pope,
16	Chief Engineer, James O. Bagley and Leland E. Rolfs of
17	the Kansas Department of Agriculture, reported by
18	Michelle D. Hancock, Certified Shorthand Reporter within
19	and for the state of Kansas.
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WITNES	SES: M JAMES GILLILAND			3	Director of the Division of Water Resources, Kansas
	Examination by Mr. Rolfs 24			4	Department of Agriculture. I will serve as hearing
DAVID F	R. WARREN			5	officer for this matter. It is approximately
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as well as the witnesses and hearing procedures and the exchange of exhibits that will be referred to here later today.

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We'll be circulating an attendance sheet and we'd like for everyone present here today to sign that attendance sheet. There will also be one at back table, if you have signed there, or otherwise can send the one around.

Now, these recordings, as you have observed here, are being recorded by a court reporter. Each witness will be sworn by the court reporter. Would ask that everyone speak clearly so that the court reporter can hear. And we also need each person to only speak one at a time, or people to only speak one at a time so that the court reporter can accurately record your testimony. Please also speak into the microphone when that is appropriate so that the audience can hear you. The hearing will begin with the parties, again, the city of Wichita and the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District Number 2, making their formal presentations. The city is a party by virtue of being the applicant, and the district was granted party status as a result of the prehearing process that was referred to earlier. The public comment portion of this hearing will

1 public interest.

These new applications to appropriate water have been filed by the city of Wichita under the provisions of the Kansas Water Appropriation Act, that's K.S.A. 82a-701 et seq., and particularly regarding 82a-711, for purposes of appropriating the high flows from the Little Arkansas River by means of seven proposed bank storage wells withdrawing water along the west bank of the Little Arkansas River in Section 8, Township 23 South, Range 2 West, Harvey County, Kansas, and located generally in an area between two and three miles upstream of U.S. Highway 50 bridge over the Little Arkansas River. The water will be treated and injected -- it's proposed that the water will be treated and injected into the equus beds aguifer by means of four recharge wells, and those are located in Sections 12, 23, 24 and 36 in Township 23 South, Range 3 West, Harvey County, Kansas, and located generally on a line approximately three miles east of Burrton from about a mile south of Highway 50 to just over two miles north of the highway. The water is proposed to be then later withdrawn for municipal use by means of the same recharge wells.

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begin in this room at 7:00 p.m. this evening. If the formal hearing is not complete today, it will then be reconvened tomorrow at this location in accordance with my direction at the conclusion of the formal hearing today. We'll make every attempt to finish the public comment portion of this hearing this evening, but if we are not able to do that, why, then we'll make appropriate arrangements.

I do want to encourage everyone that's interested in this matter to provide public comments at the appropriate time or we may receive written comments at any time. The record has been opened for that already as a result of the notice and some of you have already started providing written comments, and that's certainly acceptable any time during the course of this proceeding.

Now, the general purpose of this hearing is to consider whether the city of Wichita's new applications to appropriate water, which are file numbers 45,567, 455,568, 45,569, 45,570, 45,571, 45,572, 45,573, 45,574, 45,575, 45,576 and 46,081 should be approved, denied or modified. The general test for approving new applications is whether or not they will impair a use under an existing water right or prejudicially and unreasonably affect the

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receive evidence and testimony about the proposed project, including the following: The method by which surface water will be withdrawn from the Little Arkansas River, the process for treating and recharging it into the equus beds aquifer, and the accounting system that the city of Wichita will use to determine how much of the water that has been recharged into the aquifer may be withdrawn, and if the applications are approved, any terms and conditions that will need to be placed on the permits to prevent impairment and prevent the project from prejudicially and unreasonably affecting the public interest.

The purpose of the formal hearing is to

Now, the purpose of the public hearing comment portion this evening at the -- for this hearing this evening at 7:00 p.m. tonight is to receive comments from any member of the public concerning the proposed project. We recognize that there are people interested in this hearing that are not represented by one of the formal parties. There are cards available at the back table, and anyone who would like to comment at the public hearing this evening, would ask that you please fill one of the cards out and turn them in to one of our staff members. Testimony may be made orally, submitted in

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writing, or both. If there are a large number of persons wishing to comment, we reserve the right to impose a time limit.

I might note that the Division of Water Resources staff will not be providing testimony for or against these applications, but Mr. Rolfs here, Mr. Leland Rolfs located to my right, as legal counsel for me as chief engineer, will be allowed to call witnesses for the limited purpose of introducing documentation from the agency files pertaining to these applications. And I might also note that to my left is Mr. Jim Bagley. And during the course of the proceedings I will allow them also to ask questions of the witnesses.

Before we start, let me ask counsel for the parties if there are any procedural questions or preliminary matters that need to be raised by counsel before we begin, we could do that at this time.

MR. ADRIAN: Yes, Mr. Pope, we have prepared -- the district has prepared a response to the motion to amend the application. We have provided that to Mr. Hinkle I think electronically yesterday and so he has had access to it since then, and I have several originals here that I would like

understood the last point. Can you say that again.

MR. HINKLE: That the witnesses be allowed to use their notations, the notes that they have, to aid their testimony without being challenged as it would be in a court of law, for example.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Any objection to that?

MR. ADRIAN: No objection.

MR. HINKLE: And, thirdly, the city as applicant has listed Mr. Dealy as a witness. We think that his testimony would probably best be presented through the district, and we would ask simply to allow the city's case to remain open pending the testimony of Mr. Dealy, and if there are any questions that we would have of him afterwards that we be allowed to present those questions and be considered as part of the city's case.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Mr. Adrian. MR. ADRIAN: Yes. I have no objection to that. In fact, the procedure that you've set out allows for in fact rebuttal testimony, and so I don't -- there would certainly be no merit in disagreeing with that, so....

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. I think --

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to present to you at this time, at least one.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. That would be fine, and I take it you'll be addressing that during some of your testimony, then.

MR. ADRIAN: That's correct.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Thank you. The city.

The city. MR. HINKLE: Yes, Mr. Pope. I have three items I'd like to ask your attention on. First is for both parties there are witnesses who have prepared their testimony to be presented with the use of Power Point equipment, and we have the facilities available to use those, and I would ask that they be allowed to do so with a minimum of questioning to interrupt that process. I think that would be illustrative both for the public and for you and your staff. The parties have exchanged those Power Points so we have -- we know what is going to be presented and have an opportunity to address those. The second is, since written comments can be presented as testimony, I would ask that the witnesses be allowed to use notes that they have prepared in aid of their testimony so that they can have it be as complete as possible.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I'm not sure I

I think that will be fine, Mr. Hinkle. With regard to the Power Point presentations, if I understand

you right, you would still have all of the other
 documentations as exhibits which would be the record

of the case, and you simply are offering the Power Points as a way to explain the testimony in an

organized way going through this procedure.

MR. HINKLE: Absolutely. I don't believe there's anything contained in any Power Point that isn't already a part of the record, but it seems to me like -- that the witnesses, having prepared the Power Point presentations with what they feel are the most pertinent exhibits, that presentation in that form in a fluid fashion would be the best way to explain the issues that are involved.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I think that's probably acceptable, unless there's objection. I think it sounds -- Mr. Adrian, do you have any comments on that, or do you have something planned as well?

MR. ADRIAN: Well, we have Power Point presentations as Mr. Hinkle mentioned, and we feel that a free flow of that information is best brought about by utilizing them in the manner he described, so we certainly have no objection.

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HEARING OFFICER POPE: My objective here is just to have a complete, fair proceeding where all the information can be presented and understood properly, so I don't believe there's any reason to object to that process as compared to a very more -more detailed question and answer throughout the whole thing, so without objection we'll go ahead and allow that. I would ask that, even though we will anticipate a number of exhibits being introduced, that -- that the Power Point presentations themselves be made available. Is there any reason why that cannot be done?

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MR. ADRIAN: No, Your Honor, and we have those -- Your Honor. Excuse me. Mr. Pope.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: You don't need to say Your Honor.

MR. ADRIAN: I wasn't going to allow that to happen. His holiness, yes.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: It's getting worse.

MR. ADRIAN: Anyway, we have copies available here to distribute. And as a general comment, my impression of this hearing was that we were to facilitate a free flow of information to you, not to be constrained by strict rules of

don't necessarily see that that's going to be a problem, and we will have those available for reference as needed. I will indicate that in terms of our -- while this is an administrative proceeding and the formal rules of procedure for a court case would not need to apply, I would -- I will be asking counsel, if they have objections to any of the particular exhibits, and if you do, why, you of course would need to state the basis for that before I would rule on the admission of exhibits, but again we have some latitude in an administrative hearing in terms of being able to sort through what's -- can be relied upon.

I believe that it was indicated in the prehearing order that each party would be allowed to make a brief opening statement -- and excuse me. If you would each like to make a brief opening statement we can allow it at this time. If you don't need to do that and want to proceed on to the hearing testimony, we can do that as well.

MR. LANG: Thank you, Mr. Pope. Joe Lang for the city of Wichita. I'll stand up here in front of you at the podium, a little easier for me to read my notes, and would like to present just a brief overview of the case the city of Wichita will

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evidence that we would normally play by in a court of law.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: This is an administrative hearing and even though we're holding it in a fairly formal fashion to ensure that the evidence is properly presented in regard to any questions or objections, I certainly do want the free flow of information. I simply want to understand. My goal here is to make sure that I understand this project so we can make the best possible decision. If -- so as long as there's not a concern about -- I think it would be appropriate as long as we simply have copies of the Power Point information and can refer to those later if necessary for the record. Is that acceptable?

MR. HINKLE: That's certainly acceptable. Mr. Pope, witnesses have just reminded me that actually there are a couple of items that are demonstrative -- intended as demonstrative exhibits within the Power Point presentations that are not part of the record, and I didn't want to mislead you that everything in the Power Point presentations are contained in the record at this point.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: If they're illustrative type -- demonstrative type things, I

make today in support of its application to operate an aquifer storage and recovery project in the equus beds and specifically in Harvey County.

I think it will become clear also through our

before the applications for these permits to appropriate water were filed the city of Wichita and its consultants were working on a water supply plan to meet the future needs of the citizens of Wichita and South Central Kansas. One potential solution

testimony that this -- these applications reflect

phase one of a -- of a much larger project. Long

12 that came out of that study was the aquifer storage 13 project, which you and your staff are quite

familiar. After years of extensive design and

15 study, the result was the permit applications to

16 appropriate water through a system of bank storage 17 wells and recharge wells. The genesis and

18 development of this plan will be presented by our

19 witnesses, David Warren, the director of water and 20 sewer for the city of Wichita; and Jeffrey Klein,

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who is a project manager for Burns & McDonald. The development of the plan and the permitting process

22 23 consistent with the aquifer storage and recovery

regulations in K.A.R. 5-12-1 and others will be laid out by Jerry Blain who is the city's water supply

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projects administrator. Also we have asked Andy

2 Ziegler, a hydrologist and water quality specialist

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3 from the USGS, to describe the USGS role in this

4 study and to present a number of exhibits that the 5

city used in the application that were prepared by

6 USGS. And, finally, David Stous of Burns & McDonald 7

who's a hydrogeologist will explain the model that

8 was developed and used and he will also explain and 9 demonstrate the aquifer storage and recovery

accounting system as set out in the regulations and

10 11 as the -- as your issues have asked us to address. 12

We hope that this will show the study process. leading to the applications was carefully planned and executed. It was and still is being constantly

15 refined to reflect both the engineering

16 understanding and the comments and concerns of the

17 landowners and residents and the public in the area. 18 Through this process the city of Wichita and the

19 Groundwater Management District Number 2 have

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entered into a Memorandum of Understanding, which is 21 in the record, where these parties have reached an

22 agreement to reflect the need for thorough and

23 continued study and refinement. An important

24 element of the Memorandum of Understanding and the

GMD's support for the project is the city's

In conclusion, Mr. Pope, it is submitted that the procedures under the application neither impair use under an existing water right nor prejudicially or unreasonably affect the public interest and that we feel confident that the applications should be approved. Thank you. We will proceed with our testimony now, if you're ready.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Let me get opening comments from the district and then we'll proceed from there.

MR. ADRIAN: If you don't mind, I'll remain at my table here. At first I would like to -- again, I'm Tom Adrian representing the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District. First I'd like to note that the district is governed by a nine-member board who are elected by qualified or eligible voters within the district. It is a locally managed district that was formed in 1974 and has been operating since that time. It primarily governs initially about a 500,000 acre area over Central Kansas, South Central Kansas, later to be expanded to approximately a million acres. It has a very intense interest in this project, and I think as will be -- or has been demonstrated by the filings and the recommendations and the other items

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commitment to periodically review and discuss and modify as needed this plan.

The evidence we are presenting today is specifically tailored to address the issues that you have raised in the eight issues in the Memorandum of Understand -- or in the prehearing order.

And finally, we believe that the exhibits on file and the supporting testimony today will address the requirements of K.A.R. 5-12-1 for an aguifer storage permit as well as the general requirements of K.S.A. 82a-711 for appropriation of water for beneficial use.

The applications are in the record and of course take up quite a bit of the division's record in this case. We will try to sort out as we go through the hearing, unfortunately we lettered our exhibits in the same fashion as the Division of Water Resources lettered its exhibits, so we will refer to our exhibits as city of Wichita exhibits. But these applications are in the record, and for conditions that might be placed on them, these are addressed by the Memorandum of Understanding, and with the additional comments that were received from the Groundwater Management District yesterday

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that Mr. Lang mentioned, it has considerable input into this ultimate decision. But preliminarily I'd like to mention that we have a number of board members present. Bob Seiler, obviously who will be a witness, is seated with me at the table. He's

5 6 president of the board. Frank Harper is in the

7 audience. He's the vice president. Mark Whitson is 8 here also, who is treasurer of the board. Jerry

9 Blain who's a member of the board and serves the --10

really the dual role as a representative of the city 11 of Wichita and a member of the board. Clarke Dixon

12 is a member of the board and is present in the

13 audience as is Nadine Stannard. We appreciate their 14 interest and their attendance today. I think it

15 demonstrates the feelings that the board has with 16 regard to this project and protection of water in

general.

We're going to be calling three witnesses. Probably in reality we -- they are not going to be saying anything that is not already in the record. We have submitted the recommendations of the

22 district, which as you recognize are extensive. 23

Those recommendations have been modified by a Memorandum of Understanding which has already been

referred to, and that memorandum was brought about

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following a hearing the district held in which the city and the district and the district's consultant and manager sat down to consider other issues which might relate to these applications and came to an understanding which was reduced to writing in that memorandum.

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In addition to that, to those recommendations, we feel that they have presented to you the position of the district, which is ultimately, as is your goal, the protection of the public interest in regard to this.

I would note for you that the district unanimously passed its recommendation back to the 14 chief engineer after consideration of the applications. That, as I said earlier, they have 16 reviewed the new applications which were submitted and have submitted recommendations to you, so all of that is in writing. As I said, Mr. Seiler will be a witness. The first witness that we will call will 20 be Mike Dealy to review his recommendations. He's manager of the district. We've -- he and I visited yesterday, and I emphasized that there is merit in brevity, and so we will attempt to go through those recommendations, although they are extensive, go through them as rapidly as possible.

1 like to call Mr. William Gilliland to the stand. 2 please.

3 WILLIAM JAMES GILLILAND. 4 called as a witness, having been first duly

sworn, testified as follows: DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. ROLFS:

Q You can turn on that lavaliere mic there.

9 Could you state your full name for the record, 10

11 A William James Gilliland.

12 Q And what is your position today?

13 A I'm the permits unit supervisor.

14 O For what agency?

15 A Division of Water Resources.

16 Q And generally what are your duties in that position?

17 A I supervise the processing of new and change 18 applications that are filed with the division.

19 Q And the applications Mr. Pope has described today 20 submitted by the city of Wichita, those come to you,

21 is that correct?

22 A That is correct.

23 Q Now, generally what type of documents have been

24 submitted in this matter?

25 A There were the original applications that were

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The second witness that we will call is Carl Nuzman. Carl will recite for you his qualifications to speak, but he is a special consultant. He's been hired by the district to review these applications and advise the district and this board. He was instrumental in formulating the Memorandum of Understanding that you have seen.

And then last -- the last witness we will call is Bob Seiler who will talk about the process that the citizen board went through in its efforts to make relevant and important recommendations to you and protect the public interest.

We appreciate this opportunity to present this -- our position to you and hope that it will be productive and helpful. Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Thank you both. Before I ask the city to begin their case, I'm going to ask Mr. Rolfs to call -- is it just one witness, for the Division of Water Resources, and I think that will be only for the purpose of the documentation from the files of the Division of Water Resources which I think have already been provided, but let me take it from there in regard to the presentation of that.

MR. ROLFS: Thank you, Mr. Pope. I'd

1 submitted to the division. There were also reports

2 submitted by the applicant and the Groundwater

3 Management District. They're included in the files.

4 Other documents related to the processing up to this

5 point, including public comment letters that had

6 been returned from initial notification of those in

7 the area of the applications and also the

8 recommendations of Groundwater Management District

9 and the Memorandum of Understanding.

10 Q Have you prepared or had prepared copies of these

11 exhibits?

12 A I assisted in the preparation of them, yes.

Q And what exhibits are they known as? 13

14 A They're exhibits in the binders over here on the

table, I believe Exhibits A through Z.

Q Those are the Division of Water Resources Exhibits A 16 17 through Z?

18 A Yes, they are.

19 Q Did we receive any objections to these exhibits --

20 they were furnished to the parties prior to this

21 proceeding, were they not?

22 A Yes, they were.

Q And did we receive any objections from either of the 23

24 parties concerning the admission of these exhibits

25 into the record?

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. 1	A No, we did not.
2	MR. ROLFS: And I did not receive any
3	objections either prior to this time. I would ask
4	that Exhibits A through Z, the Division of Water
5	Resources exhibits, be admitted as part of the
6	record in this hearing.
7	HEARING OFFICER POPE: Let me double
8	check with the parties. For the city, you didn't
9	have you had already stipulated to them, as I
10	recall.
11	MR. HINKLE: That's correct.
12	HEARING OFFICER POPE: And the district?
13	MR. ADRIAN: Yes, we have.
14	HEARING OFFICER POPE: With that, DWR
15	Exhibits A through Z will be admitted to the record.
16	Q Mr. Gilliland, do you have a file containing the
17	notice that were given of the prehearing conference
18	and of this hearing?
19	A Yes, I do.
20	MR. ROLFS: And I would like that
21	denominated Division of Water Resources Exhibit AA,
22	and I would ask that that be admitted as part of the
23	record of this hearing also.

1	DAVID R. WARREN,
2	called as a witness, having been first duly
3	sworn, testified as follows:
4	DIRECT EXAMINATION
5	BY MR. HINKLE:
6	Q Mr. Warren, would you please identify yourself and
7	state your position with the city of Wichita.
8	A My name is David R. Warren. I'm the director of the
9	water and sewer department for the city of Wichita,
10	Kansas.
11	Q How long have you been so employed?
12	A I've been the director since May of 1989.
13	Q Does your position include the evaluation and
14	planning for future water consumption needs for the
15	city of Wichita?
16	A Yes, it does.
17	Q How were you first involved in that process?
18	A First involvement in the process goes back to
19	shortly after my employment by the city, a review of
20	the city's involvement in the public wholesale water
21	supply district number 10 which was a number of
22	cities generally lined up along I-135 from Wichita

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HEARING OFFICER POPE: These are s	simp	ly
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HEARING OFFICER POPE: Any objection?

MR. HINKLE: (Shook head back and forth.)

MR. ADRIAN: No objection.

MR. HINKLE: No objection.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: With that, DWR Exhibit AA, these notices, will be admitted as part of the record. With that, I don't believe there's any -- we didn't -- Mr. Gilliland was not called for

substantive testimony about these, so I assume there's no need for any further involvement of him.

Mr. Gilliland, thank you. You may step down.

With that, Mr. Lang, you may begin your case.

MR. LANG: And Mr. Hinkle will begin. MR. HINKLE: Mr. Pope, would you like me

to use that microphone or --HEARING OFFICER POPE: I think that would

be better.

MR. HINKLE: And would you prefer me to be at the table or podium?

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Whichever works the best for you.

MR. HINKLE: All right.

The city of Wichita calls as its first witness Mr. David Warren.

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1 Q Was that -- excuse me. Out of that process was

2 there a particular document generated with

3 alternatives evaluated?

4 A There were some alternatives that were evaluated,

to Salina who had joined together to jointly seek a

beneficial use and transfer of water from Milford

Reservoir for the use by the member cities.

5 but generally the process involved Milford Reservoir

6 and the treatment of water at Milford and then

7 distribution of treated water to the various member

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9 Q Does the term water supply plan have significance to

10 you?

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12 Q And did that relate to this particular project?

13 A Yes, it does.

14 Q And what was that?

15 A In regard to the city's involvement, it became

16 fairly clear to me and to my staff as we reviewed

17 the recommendations that had been made regarding the

18 Milford project that Wichita had not singly and for

19 itself looked at all options that it might consider

20 other than this Milford option. It was my belief

21 that it was both prudent and necessary for the city

22 to proceed to review its water supply requirements

as an entity in and of itself. Wichita represented 24 well over half the interest in this group of cities

25 that had banded together. I also believe that

politically, environmentally, and from a regulatory 1

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interest in the project other than the city: The Groundwater Management District Number 2 was one of

3 those, United States Bureau of Reclamation, United

4 States Geological Survey, and the United States

5 Environmental Protection Agency, to name some of 6

them.

7 Q Before we leave it, you have described the aquifer

8 storage recovery as one aspect of the water plan. 9 What other aspects of the water plan did the city

10 choose to implement at some point?

11 A Other aspects of the plan included water 12 conservation considerations. The city implemented a

13 very aggressive water rate structure that is

14 referred to in our industry as base extra capacity

15 type of rate structure or inverted block rate

16 structure. In such a rate structure, the customer

17 is penalized with a price signal, if you will, for 18

using water above a certain factor during peak 19 periods, usually those periods that are associated

20 with irrigation activities. We believe that based

21 on our historical demands prior to the

22 implementation of this type of rate structure and

23 current demands that we are seeing and the growth of

24 those demands, that that's had a very significant

25 impact on customer use patterns, particularly during

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Milford option?

2 A Once we had decided upon an integrated local water

standpoint, it would be extremely difficult and

fraught with a considerable amount of tension and

Milford to Wichita and these other member cities.

city should proceed to do a comprehensive water

A Yes, the city did. The city engaged the consulting

firm of Burns & McDonald out of Kansas City to

A There were over 27 alternatives that the engineers

project to construction of new water reservoirs to

diversion of water from the Ark River and other

water bodies to the integrated local water supply

plan which was ultimately decided upon as the

and the city staff looked at in working through that

process. Those included everything from the Milford

undertake a water supply study, and this was done in

I felt that in the city's best interests the

supply study on the basis of its own needs.

Q Just generally, were there a number of different

alternatives that were considered besides the

Q And so the city did proceed to do that?

argument to do an interbasin transfer of water from

supply plan -- and that plan included a number of

elements, and the aquifer storage and recovery project was but one of those elements, and at that

time the city was considering a maximum 150 million

gallon a day project which would have included

8 100 million gallons a day of bank storage diversion.

9 The city, recognizing that such an undertaking had

10 not been done in the state of Kansas before,

11 believed that it was, again, prudent and necessary

12 that the city look at this project very carefully

13 before proceeding, that there was a tremendous

14 number of interests ontside of just the city's

15 interest with regard to a project of this nature,

16 and the city sought from the very beginning input

17 from the public, from the regulatory agencies, input

18 with regard to how this demonstration project should

19 be put together and monitored and developed in order

20 to address those needs and to include those needs

21 and considerations in any final design or

22 application for beneficial water use.

23 Q Were there other specific sponsoring agencies for

24 this demonstration project?

25 There were a number of agencies that had a direct peak periods. We also looked at a change in our

emphasis with regard to our various water supplies

which placed a greater emphasis on Cheney Reservoir,

our surface water supply, and using that water

supply, if you will, as a first alternative for

6 water supply for the city, because by nature the

7 reservoir goes through fill and drain cycles that

8 are related to weather patterns, and the groundwater

9 formation is not nearly as impacted by those

10 patterns, and we felt like it was important that

11 during those periods of time when the surface water

supply was available that we take maximum advantage

13 of this and allow the equus beds to remain in

14 reserve, if you will, for those periods of time when

the surface water reservoir would not be so readily

16 available, such as might occur during a drought. 17 Public education. We have done public

18 education via printing materials that go out in the 19 water bills, via television ads that the city has

paid for, radio ads that the city has paid for,

21 public speaking engagements. All of these factors,

22 if you will, were part of that integrated local

23 water supply plan that the city adopted.

24 Q Did you seek any kind of independent review or 25 establish some type of panel review for the

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- .1 demonstration project?
- 2 A There's been significant review of this project. I
- 3 would dare to say that this may be the most reviewed
- 4 project the state of Kansas has ever seen. In
- 5 addition to oversight from regulatory agencies,
- 6 including the Division of Water Resources and
- 7 others, the city on its own asked the American Water
- 8 Works Association to assist the city in putting
- 9 together a blue ribbon panel of national experts,
- 10 people from both academia and from the water works
- 11 industry who are familiar with aquifer storage and
- recovery and water supply type of projects to come
- 13 together and review the city's projects. These
- experts were then brought to Wichita for a couple of
- days. Mr. Rob Renner, who was then a deputy a
- director of the American Water Works Association,
- was brought in to facilitate that process. And
- 18 these experts reviewed the city's documentation and
- 19 history of the project, the demonstration project
- 20 results, and provided the city with recommendations
- 21 with regard to the project.

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- And essentially the outcome of that blue
- ribbon panel review was that the city should proceed with the project. They also recommended the city
- 25 look deeper into, as part of the project, membrane

- also resulted in the city modifying the 150 million
- 2 gallon a day project to a 100 million gallon a day
- 3 project. And, again, as was stated in the opening
- 4 by Mr. Lang, the city has continuously refined this
 - project as time has gone forward. What brought us
- 6 here today is a process that has spread out over
- 7 more than 12 years. It's not something that
- 8 happened yesterday. The city has considered this
- 9 thoughtfully and carefully before bringing this to
- 10 the point of making these applications. I believe
- 11 that as a result of, again, ongoing work and study
- 12 that the city and its consultants have done,
- 13 ultimately we arrived at a project which is now
- 14 predominantly going to be driven by surface water
- 15 recharge from the Little Arkansas River as opposed
- 16 to bank storage type of facilities. And in fact the
- 17 Memorandum of Understanding with the Groundwater
- 18 Management District provides that the city will not
- use more than 40 million gallons a day of bank
- 20 storage water as part of this total 100 million
- 21 gallon a day project that we're proposing in toto.
- 22 And I think technology may take those significantly
- 23 below those levels.
- 24 Q Was the city required to do an environmental impact
- 25 statement?

- type of technologies, and the city has done that as
- well, but that was one. The Groundwater Management
- 3 District of course hired Mr. Nuzman as an
- 4 independent expert to also review the project and
- 5 provide recommendations, which he did. And those
- 6 are part of the record. Dr. Herman Bauer, who is by
- 7 many considered the grandfather of aquifer recharge
- 8 projects in the United States was also asked to
- 9 review the project and did so and provided a letter
- 10 which is also included in the record.
- 11 O And by way of cross-reference, we would just note
- 12 that Dr. Bauer's letter appears in the record as
- 13 City's Exhibit letter C, for example?
- 14 A That's correct.
- 15 Q That review took place, or at least began in 2001,
- 16 is that correct?
- 17 A It was done and completed in July of 2001, that's
- 18 correct.
- 19 Q All right. And did that -- what part did that play
- 20 or was that related to the next phase, the design
- 21 phase of the project?
- 22 A Well, certainly some of the recommendations that we
- 23 received from the input from that blue ribbon panel
- 24 resulted, one, in another study of membrane
- 25 technologies for water treatment for the city. It

- 1 A No, the city was not required to do an environmental
- 2 impact statement.
- 3 Q Did it nevertheless do so?
- 4 A Yes, we did.
- 5 Q When did that take place and what were the results?
- 6 A The environmental impact statement was completed in
- 7 2003 and it was a comprehensive environmental impact
- 8 statement, the same as would be done in any kind of
- 9 federal project that requires a environmental
- impairment statement. Again, the city felt, given
- 11 the public interest and concerns about this project,
- that we essentially leave no stone unturned and that
- an environmental impact statement was an important
- part of presenting an honest, open review of all
- 15 aspects of this project.
- 16 Q Would it be accurate to say that that type of
- 17 disclosure and request for review is designed to
- 18 make sure that there's no unreasonable prejudice to
- 19 public interest?
- 20 A That would be absolutely correct.
- 21 Q You mentioned briefly the permitting -- the permit
- 22 applications that were prepared and also the MOU
- with the Groundwater Management District Number 2.
- Is there anything additional you want to add at this
- 25 point?

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- . 1 A Other than to say that I believe the city has,
 - again, acted in good faith both with regard to its
- 3 involvement of the public, with regard to its
- 4 interactions with regulatory agencies, with regard
- 5 to the submission of the applications and with
- 6 regard to the negotiation and agreement upon the
- 7 Memorandum of Understanding with the Groundwater
- 8 Management District.

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- 9 Q Mr. Warren, I'd like to ask you to look in detail
- 10 now at the public interests or needs that are
- 11 driving this particular project. Can you -- can you
- 12 tell me the size in the number of people that would
- 13 benefit that would be using the water that would be
- 14 available to this project?
- 15 A The city of Wichita MSA, which is metropolitan
- 16 statistical area, has a population of over a half
- 17 million people. Wichita, as a retail and wholesale
- 18 water supplier, supplies 75 percent of the water in
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- this MSA. Included in those cities that are either 20 wholly or partially dependent upon Wichita for water
- 21 supplies are Derby, Andover, Eastborough, Rose Hill,
- 22 Kechi, Bel Aire, Park City, Benton, Bentley, Valley
- 23 Center, Rural Water District Number 8 of Butler
- 24 County, Rural Water District Number 1 and 3 of
- 25 Sedgwick County. According to the Kansas Department

- 1 implementation of the water rate structure that I
- 2 mentioned previously in this testimony. At that
- 3 time, we adjusted those demands, and the average a
- 4 day 2050 demand was down to about 112 million
- 5 gallons a day, and the maximum day demand was down
- to about 225 million gallons a day. 2003, which is 6
- 7 the most recently complete year that we have records
- 8 for, the average day demand for Wichita was
 - 55 million gallons a day, and the maximum day demand

was 107 million gallons per day.

I will mention that subsequent to that year the city has added Derby which is a significant retail customer, now wholesale customer, to its customer base and that those demands from 2003 do not include Derby which is projected this year to have a -- and this will only be a partial year -about 2.4 million gallons per day on average and about 5 million gallons per day maximum impact on

- 19 those figures. 20 Q Mr. Warren, how does the city's water supply stack
- 21 up to this kind of demand? 22 A The city's water supplies which include Cheney
- 23 Reservoir, the equus beds, 55 local wells in the
- 24 equus beds and local wells that are located
- 25 immediately in the vicinity of the city's water

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- 1 of Human Resources statistics, Wichita has
- 2 19 percent of the state's total jobs and 31 percent
- 3 of the manufacturing jobs in the state of Kansas.
- 4 18 percent of the state's personal income comes out
- 5 of the Wichita MSA and 20 percent of the state's
- 6 taxable retail sales come out of this area. Wichita
- to be sure is a vitally important part of the Kansas 7
- 8 economy and the economy of that region.
- 9 Q Mr. Warren, how does the city of Wichita water 10 utility rank in terms of size with other utilities 11 in the state of Kansas?
- 12 A Wichita is the largest water utility in the state of 13 Kansas.
- 14 Q Can you put some specific demand figures or water 15 supply figures on the needs that are generated by 16
- that type of economic activity and personal use? 17 A As part of our study of water supply, of course 18 you've got to look at demand projections. In the
- 19 water supply plan there was a water demand
- 20 projection made in 1993 as a part of that report, 21
- and it projected that by 2050 the city's average day 22 demand would be about 125 million gallons a day, and
- 23 the maximum day demand would be about 250 million
- 24 gallons a day. The city updated those demand
- 25 projections in 1997 as a result of the

1 plant in downtown Wichita, have a combined total

- average day capacity of about 78 million gallons per
- 3 day and a maximum day of 130 million gallons a day. 4
- Q What's the relationship between the supply available 5 and the projected demand?
- 6 A Briefly, based on these demand curves and the
- 7 supplies that the city currently has available, it's 8 projected that the demand curve will intersect our
- 9 average day water supply capacity somewhere in the
- 10 time frame of 2010 to 2015.
- 11 Q And how does the development of the aguifer storage
- 12 recovery project play into that expectation? 13 A Well, it's the city's belief that in order to have
- 14 sufficient recharge credits to meet the demands 15
- after that period, the city's going to have to 16 recharge the aquifer over about a 10-year period,
- 17 and that's being very aggressive, I think. So we're
- 18 on the cusp, if you will.
- 19 Q I'd like to ask you now a few questions relating
- to -- specifically to the project implementation. 20 21 You've earlier mentioned that you sought a process
- 22 that was -- I guess we could term -- I guess the
- 23 intent is full disclosure here, is that correct?
- 24 A That's correct.
- 25 Q What type of public meetings and agency meetings

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1 were involved that you can recall?

- 2 A I would make reference to the DWR Exhibits A and B 3 which are the list of both public and agency 4 meetings that the city has conducted, and I think in 5 both cases the number of public meetings that have 6 been held are in excess of 20. Now, the number of 7 agency meetings are in excess of that. Now, the 8 city has I think gone beyond what is reasonable with 9 regard to trying to provide information to the 10 public, to the regulatory agencies and fully 11 disclosing all aspects of the project.
- 12 Q Mr. Warren, you're referring to city of Wichita Exhibits A and B in the DWR record, is that correct? 13
- 14 A That's correct.
- 15 Q Ultimately, what's the philosophy that the city has 16 used in pursuing this particular project?
- 17 A Our philosophy has been, as you mentioned, one that 18 is open, full disclosure, but I think more 19 importantly a win-win philosophy. It's no secret 20 that there has been animosity between the landowners 21 in the equus beds and the city regarding the city's
- 22 waters rights that have existed out there since the 23 late 1940s and early 1950s, and I believe it was
- 24 important from the very beginning to have a win-win 25 type of approach to development of this project, and

- 1 will, but also wildlife and fish in the area.
- 2 Improved pumping efficiency is something that all of
- 3 us will benefit from, the city and the farmers and
- 4 the residents who all have wells out there will
- 5 benefit from the fact that groundwater levels will
- 6 be higher and as a result suction lift to get the
- 7 water out of the ground will require less energy and
- 8 be more efficient. And, finally, because the city's
- 9 water rights in many cases are senior to many of the
- 10 water rights that are in that area, and because the
- 11 aguifer has been in a state of decline for some
- 12 period of time prior to the city undertaking its
- 13 change in water use philosophy and consideration of
- 14 this project, we believe that the possibility
- 15 existed, or maybe even the probability existed that
- 16 ultimately there would be a confrontation between
- 17 the city and other water right holders in the area
- 18 regarding impairment of the city's water rights from
- 19 the continued decline in the equus beds, and we
- 20 believe that this project will avoid that and keep
- 21 the water in the equus beds as a beneficial resource
- 22 not just for the city but for all of us. And our
- 23 fates are intertwined. The community is more than 24
 - just Wichita; the community is South Central Kansas.
- 25 Q Of course one of the issues that the chief engineer

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- 1 I believe that was one of the things that drew me 2 personally and professionally to this recommendation
- 3 of the integrated local water supply plan to our 4 governing body for implementation was that I believe
- 5 it had elements that addressed not only the city's
- 6 need but a larger need for that very valuable water
- 7 resource, and among those mutual benefits that we
- 8 seek from this project, one is protection of the
- 9 aguifer from salt water contamination. Salt water
- 10 from the Burrton oil fields, salt water from the Big
- 11 Arkansas River are migrating into this area, and
- 12 without the recharge of this project, that migration 13 will continue to the point where, for many of the
- 14 people who use the water for irrigation purposes or
- 15 for drinking water purposes, without the benefit of
- 16 water treatment plants like the city has, the water
- 17 would be useless. We also believe that there is a
- 18 benefit that comes out of this from stream flow
- 19 enhancement. Because the Little Ark River is a
- 20 gaining stream, which means that the outflow from
- 21 the aquifer, when the aquifer is full, helps to
- 22 provide base flow in the stream. As we recharge 23 this aquifer, we believe that there will be an
- 24 increase in base flow in the river that will be
- 25 beneficial to downstream water right users, if you

- 1 has to look at is whether or not the appropriations
- 2 requested would impair existing water right holders,
- 3 and if I understand you correctly, the project is
- 4 intended to actually benefit them and protect them
- 5 from any contest of -- that might exist and
- 6 diminishing the situation.
- 7 A In my mind, Mr. Hinkle, there's no question that
- 8 this project enhances water rights of all users in
- 9 the equus beds, that it does not impair any water
- 10 right holder and that it is in the best interest of
- 11 the public.
- 12 Q You've already described the number of agencies that
- 13 have participated in the demonstration project that
- 14 you've been conducting. What -- is there -- what
 - type of input did you receive from them that was
- 16 significant?

- 17 A For the most part it was with regard to the design
- 18 of the project, how to set up monitoring for the
- 19 project, both for water quantity and for water
- 20 quality, and the types of data that would be needed
- 21 in order to demonstrate that this was both feasible
- 22 and a good thing to do, if you will. I don't
- 23 believe that there's, again, any project in the
- 24 United States that has been more monitored or tested
- 25 than this demonstration project with the -- which

- . 1 the city's had going since 1995. There have been 2 more than 4,000 samples taken and tested for more 3 than 400 chemical constituents.
- 4 Q And what's been the result from the recharge in this 5 process of the demonstration?
- 6 A As of today, the city has successfully recharged 7 through three different methodologies over a billion 8 gallons of water.
- 9 Q Ultimately what have you learned out of this 10 demonstration project?
- 11 A Well, for one thing, and I mentioned this earlier, 12 we learned that we didn't need a 150 million gallon 13 a day project. A small project would accomplish 14 what we needed to accomplish, that being 100 million 15 gallon project. Now we've learned that we can put 16 more emphasis again on surface water versus bank 17 storage diversion. And as I mentioned, I think that 18 evolution continues. There are other things down 19 the road, technology continues to improve with 20 membranes in particular which may give rise to even
- 21 greater opportunities with regard to surface water. 22 Q One of the items that have already been admitted as 23 an exhibit is DWR Exhibit V, as in Victor, that's 24 the MOU. Does that contain some of the things that 25 you've learned in this demonstration project?

- 1 it progressed. Again, in four years, looking at how
- 2 effective the initial phase of this project has been
- 3 with regard to salt plume control. Committing that
- 4 all water recharged is going to meet minimum
- 5 drinking water quality standards, and protection of
- 6 domestic water supplies from any project-related
- 7 future water quality excursions. All of these are
- 8 things that the Groundwater Management District
- 9 board and citizens have told us are important to
- 10 them, and again the city is trying to address those
- 11 needs to make sure that in no way is the public
- interest not considered and protected. 12
- 13 Q All these factors that you've just now described, 14 could this properly be called a framework for your 15 project implementation that you're proposing?
- 16 A Yes, it would.
- 17 Q Mr. Warren, could you provide a summary evaluation of the project as you see it going forward and its 18 19 importance?
- 20 A In summary, Mr. Hinkle, I would say that Wichita is 21 a major economic factor in the future of Kansas.
- 22 Wichita has a demonstrated need for additional water
- 23 supplies to meet the needs of residents, businesses
- 24 and industries. Wichita has made an extraordinary
 - effort to test feasibility of its proposed water

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- A It does. It -- as I mentioned, one of the things it
- 2 contains is the city's commitment to the amount of 3

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- bank storage diversion that it would do, that we
- 4 would not exceed 40 million gallons a day bank
- 5 storage. It contains other things. And the city
- , 6 understands, and I believe that the concerns that
- 7 have been addressed by the public and by the GMD
- 8 represent legitimate business and personal interest
- 9 of the people that live and work in the equus beds,
- 10 and the city is listening to those concerns and I
- 11 believe has responded appropriately to those
- 12 concerns and will continue to respond appropriately
- 13 to those concerns. We've worked with the GMD staff
- 14 and with the GMD board to come up with the
- 15 Memorandum of Understanding, again placing greater
- 16 emphasis on surface water diversion, testing upper
- 17 and lower aquifer zone well screening to address
- 18 concerns they had about that, committing to a
- 19 four-year review to determine aquifer river
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- connectivity as part of this project, providing
- 21 supplemental monetary support to the GMD,
- 22 recognizing the limited resources that they had for
- 23 doing the monitoring so that they could avail 24 themselves of additional resources to provide the
- 25 independent oversight and review of the project as

- supply plan. The proposed plan makes the most of
- 2 existing local water supply alternatives. The
- 3 proposed plan provides benefits to all users of the
- 4 equus beds aquifer in the vicinity of Wichita's
- 5 proposed project. The project has been subjected to
- 6 review by local and national experts who have all
- 7 concluded that the project is a good one. Wichita
- 8 has provided opportunities for the public to learn
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- about and comment on the project. Wichita has
- 10 incorporated public concern into its implementation
- 11 and design of the project. Wichita has worked 12
 - cooperatively with the Groundwater Management
 - District to present a sensible, feasible and
 - mutually beneficial project to the Division of Water
 - Resources for permitting.

MR. HINKLE: Thank you, Mr. Warren.

- Mr. Pope, this concludes my questions of Mr. Warren, and I offer him for your examination or for that of
- 19 the district.
- 20 HEARING OFFICER POPE: You want to pass 21 that back. Thank you, Mr. Hinkle.
 - Let me turn to Mr. Adrian and see if he has questions for the witness.
 - MR. ADRIAN: I do, yes. CROSS-EXAMINATION

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- 1 BY MR. ADRIAN:
- 2 Q Mr. Warren, I realize that it's become politically
- 3 correct to deny ever making any mistakes, but along
- 4 this process that you've described, would you tell
- 5 us of the mistakes you think may have been made and
- 6 rectified.
- 7 A Hummh. I'm not sure, Mr. Adrian, that I would
- 8 characterize things as mistakes so much as learning
- 9 along the way. I believe that, again, we're
- 10 embarking on a new territory with regard to water
- 11 supplies in the state of Kansas, and there are
- 12 things that we have learned along the way about the
- 13 way that the various types of recharge methodologies
- 14 have worked. We've learned things about the geology
- 15 and geography in the area that have helped us to
- 16 better design the project. We've learned things
- 17 about well design that have helped us to better
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- design those wells. I cannot stand here and tell
- 19 you honestly that I can point out a mistake. If 20
 - you've got one that you think is a mistake, I'd be
- 21 glad to comment on it.
- 22 Q Well, I heard you describe it as an evolving
- 23 process, and I think that's what it appears to be in
- 24 your description is an evolving process which means
- 25 a learning process to me. Would that be a correct

- 1 Burns & McDonald has done for the city. The
- 2 selection of Burns & McDonald was a competitive
 - process. We invited firms from throughout the
- United States to submit letters of interest and then 4
- 5 proposals for consideration by the city before
- 6 selecting Burns & McDonald to undertake this work
- 7 for the city, and we believe that we selected the
- 8 best firm for doing this work for the city.
- 9 Q Are there projects in other locations in the United
- 10 States that are similar to this from which you can
- 11 gather information and experience?
- 12 A I have read some literature, and without, again,
- 13 giving you the specifics, I'm going from memory
- 14 here, I know that there have been some aquifer
- 15 storage and recovery projects that have been done in
- 16 Florida, there have been some in California, I
- 17 believe there was one in Ohio and Iowa. Most of the
- 18 projects have been projects that have been related
- 19 to retarding sea water intrusion, particularly those
- 20 in the coastal states.
- 21 Q You also mentioned in your testimony that the MSA,
- or -- or I think it's metropolitan service area, is 22
- 23 it not?
- 24 A Metropolitan statistical area.
- 25 Q Statistical area, has approximately 500,000

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description?

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2 A That's correct.

- 3 Q And so along the way, I think -- I've heard you
- 4 personally acknowledge in prior meetings the
- 5 sensitivity, and as you have now, to landowners,
- 6 well owners within the district, sensitivity to
- 7 their concerns the fact that that is their only
- 8 supply of water, whereas you have presumably 27
- 9 alternatives, and maybe others. So do you feel like
- 10 the project has adequate built-in protections for --
- 11 specifically concerning landowners and water users
- 12 within the district?
- 13 A Yes, I do, to the extent that we are aware of those 14 and able to address them, yes, I do believe they are
- 15 there.
- 16 Q You also mentioned that you engaged the firm of
- 17 Burns & McDonald as consultants and presumably 18 designers in this area -- or in this project. Would
- 19 you describe their qualifications to do that?
- 20 A Burns & McDonald is one of the largest civil 21 engineering firms in the United States. They have a
- 22 long history of providing consulting services for
- 23 major cities across the United States with regard to
- 24 development of water supplies. We have, again, from 25 my perspective, been very pleased with the work that

- 1 residents within it, and you mentioned quite a
 - 2 number of adjoining cities or communities for which
 - 3 Wichita supplies water. I noted from memory that if
 - 4 the Wichita Eagle is to be believed that marriage
 - 5 between Wichita and some of those cities is not
 - 6 always smooth, is it? 7
 - A I think it is safe to say that there have been
 - 8 disagreements between the city of Wichita and its
 - 9 neighbors, particularly with regard to growth.
 - 10 Q And I guess I was thinking more specifically rates
 - 11 of charge for the water. 12 A I don't believe that there have been substantial
 - 13 disagreements with regards to rates charged for
 - 14 water because all of those cities signed contracts 15 with the city and all of those contracts were
 - 16 approved by governing bodies, and --
 - 17 Q Ultimately my question is, if they were not to get
 - 18 water from the city of Wichita, where would they get
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 - 20 A In some cases, I think the opportunities for those 21
 - cities to obtain usable water supplies are very, 22 very limited and very, very expensive as to compare
 - 23 to water supplies that they can get through the
 - 24 city, which by nature of its size has an economy of
 - 25 scale. It would be difficult for some of those

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- 1 cities to get adequate water supplies.
- 2 O Mr. Warren, in issue number five as defined by the 3 chief engineer, there was concern expressed, and it
- 4 eventually came into the form of an issue about the
 - effects of the raising of the water table within the
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- 6 district, and I know there was the concern about 7 what it might -- the effect it might on basements on
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- areas where the water table is unusually high or 9 high. What consideration has the city given to that
- 10 issue and how does the city see its way to address
- 11 that issue?
- 12 A Well, Mr. Adrian, I would point out first, that the .13 city undertook, beginning in 1993 or four a change
- 14 in its water use which, again, placed greater
- 15 emphasis on Cheney Reservoir. As a result of that
- 16 change in, if you will, priority of water uses, the
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- city has used very little out of the equus beds
- 18 other than what was required to maintain wells
- 19 during that period of time. There's been a natural
- 20 increase in water levels throughout the equus beds 21
- as a result of that change. I would also point out 22 that I don't believe that it's in the district's
- 23 best interests or anyone's best interests to
- 24 continue to de-water the aquifer. And I think
- 25 that's the trade-off that we all have to look at

 - resulting, again, from the city's change in
- 3 philosophical use of water supplies, I'm not aware

here. As a result of the rise in the water levels

- 4 of anyone who has been adversely impacted by those
- 5 changes. Additionally, I believe that the city, if
- 6 it is ultimately shown that recharging the equus
- 7 beds back to what were a more natural level,
- 8 predevelopment level, of the equus beds for water
- 9 use, has an adverse impact on an individual or
- 10 individuals, the city will certainly look at those
- 11 with regard to keeping those individuals whole.
- 12 O I presume by that statement or implicit in that
- 13 statement, Mr. Warren, would be, to me, that you 14 don't think it will be a problem.
- 15 A No, sir, I don't.

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- 16 Q Would you reconcile for me what I consider to be
- 17 somewhat of a dichotomy in that if part of the
- 18 purpose of this project is to build a hydraulic
- 19 barrier to prevent or eliminate the movement of the
- 20 salt plume in an easterly or southeasterly
- 21 direction, and also to supply use, quantity, to the
- 22 city of Wichita, it seems like those two things are
- 23 inconsistent; in other words, if you're pulling
- 24 water out -- putting water in and pulling water out,
- 25 and I presume your technical studies would have

- answered that, but are those inconsistent or is that a balance?
- 3 A I don't believe they're inconsistent, and, yes,
- 4 there's a balance to be drawn there with regard
 - to -- and, again, these are addressed in the
- 6 recommendations that your staff has made to the
- 7 Division of Water Resources with regard to priority
- 8 of use. One of the recommendations is that the city
- 9 and the Groundwater Management District will jointly
- 10 agree on an operations plan for the project. Part
- 11 of the city's philosophy with regard to that project
- 12 is the protection of water quality for the benefit
- 13 of the city and for the benefit of all users out
- 14 there. In doing so, our first phase of this project
- 15 is the beginning of the building of the hydraulic
- 16 barrier. That is also, in our philosophy, the last
- 17 water that we would consider using in the event that
- 18 the city needs to draw on its water credits. That
- 19 is an important part of the philosophy of protecting
- 20 the equus beds, and again I believe that's addressed
- 21 in operational matters that we've agreed upon with
- 22 the district.
- 23 Q And additionally the Memorandum of Understanding and
- 24 discussions with the district have focused on the
- 25 water that you -- the bank storage water, and

- I whether it was truly bank storage water or whether
 - 2 it is groundwater that you will be withdrawing, and,
 - 3 again, your technicians may need to answer this more
 - than you, but if you can, can you describe how that 4
 - 5 assurance is given to the district and the public in
 - 6 general that you will only be taking bank storage
 - 7 water as opposed to groundwater?
 - 8 A Now, again, I believe that the people that will
 - 9 follow me and that will give the technical
 - 10 explanations of those types of operations are better
 - 11 suited to give that response. And, in fact, that's

 - 12 one of the issues that Mr. Pope will decide upon in
 - 13 allowing these permits.
 - 14 Q But, in fact, from your knowledge -- overall
 - 15 knowledge and general knowledge, that factor has
 - 16 been considered and dealt with from the city's
 - 17 standpoint.
 - 18 A Yes, it has.
 - 19 Q You stated just a few moments ago that the recharged
 - 20 water will be some of the last water that you choose
 - 21 to withdraw, and one of the dates you gave in your
 - 22 direct testimony was that you see the need for
 - 23 additional water by the city and those that it
 - 24 supplies as coming somewhere around the year 2010 to
 - 25 2015. Now, is that when you anticipate withdrawing

. 1	water?
2	A That is a point in time at which the projected
3	demand curves and the water supply curves intersect
4	one another. Beyond that point in time to meet
5	those demands above and beyond that would require
6	withdrawal of recharge credits, that's correct.
7	MR. ADRIAN: Just a moment. I have no
8	other questions at this time.
9	HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Thank you,
10	Mr. Adrian. Let me turn to Mr. Rolfs and see if he
11	has questions.
12	MR. ROLFS: I have no questions. Maybe
13	there is redirect.
14	HEARING OFFICER POPE: Any redirect?
15	MR. HINKLE: No, Mr. Pope, I have no
16	redirect.
17	EXAMINATION
18	BY HEARING OFFICER POPE:
19	Q I only have one or two questions, Mr. Warren,
20	myself, and I suspect that in the applications
21	themselves the detail could be found, in the
22	supporting information, but can you summarize for me
23	the amounts of water for this particular group of
24	applications. I'm particularly just wanting to

I	in total, Mr. Pope, that's about a 10 million gallon
2	per day recharge capability, when water is available
3	for recharge. So to say how much additional
4	capacity we're adding, the city, at this point, is
5	really not looking at adding so much additional
6	water rights capacity, although there have to be
7	some assigned in order to go through this process,
8	as we are in looking at establishing this hydraulic
9	barrier against the salt water plume movement. That
10	is more the goal of this part of the project.
11	Subsequent phases of this project will then add to
12	the recharge credits that the city is wishing to
13	create and apply for beneficial use of, but this
14	part of the project is focused more on the building
15	of the hydraulic barrier than it is on, if you will,
16	building water right credits. The next phase of the
17	project we anticipate will follow closely on this
18	and will be a surface water intake type of project.
19	Q Okay. So I appreciate that. I think I understand.
20	So the 7,000 gallon a minute bank storage wells
21	roughly is equivalent to about 10 MGD, and then
22	but of course that's really recharge capacity rather
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be really focusing on later.

1 overall mind here, and that's I think you said the 2 1997 update of your average and maximum demands, I 3 believe you said about 112 MGD average, about 225 4 MGD maximum. 5 A That's correct. 6 Q And I believe I heard you say that you currently 7 have a capacity of about 78 average and about 130 --A 107, I believe it was. 9 Q 107, was it? 10 A Let me look back. 11 Q That may have been what you did in 2003.

A Yeah. 2003 max day was 107 -- or max day current

Q Yeah. Okay. Now, how much are you proposing to add

with this project, then, to your current capacity?

Is there a way to characterize that? I mean, I know

capacity we estimated 130.

this is complex in terms of --

reconcile what I heard you testify to earlier in my

2 A I don't see that the city would call upon any 3 recharge credits from this project other than in a 4 dire emergency.

6 terminology you used for the individuals that you noted -- I know we'll be hearing from Mr. Nuzman, at

-- supplying demand out the other way, which we'll

7 8 least he's listed as a witness later, but in regard

Q And in terms of the peer review, or whatever

9 to the other individual or individuals from the 10 review -- I believe you said it was organized by

AWWA and that the results of that as you've used are 11

12 in the proposed exhibits?

13 A It is one of your exhibits that are -- that's in the 14 file.

15 Q The city's exhibits.

16 A Yes.

Q Yes. Okay. 17 18

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I don't believe I have any further questions, so you may stand down. Thank you.

21 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 22 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Hinkle, we're

23 either ready for your next witness, or I don't know 24 how long it will be. This may be a convenient time for a short break? 25

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19 Q -- withdrawal and storage and recovery, but I'm just 20 trying to get a sense of where this will take you 21 beyond your current capacities towards the goal that 22 you indicate was the 2050?

23 A Each of the bank storage wells in the well strain, 24 there's seven of them, I believe, will have a

25 capacity of not more than 1,000 gallons per day, so

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1 from 1995 through 2003 Wichita reduced pumpage from 2 the equus beds by 46 billion gallons. We

3 recommended the reuse of Gilbert Mosley water. That

4 was groundwater, remediation water, that was being

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treated. We wanted that to go back to the water

6 treatment plant and be added to other -- other flows

7 and treated. Continue to enhance water conservation 8 measures. We had 160 MGD, million gallon per day

9 intake, in the Little Arkansas River at the water

10 treatment plant. Then redevelopment of Bentley

11 reserve well field. That would be high chloride

12 water that will be blended with water from the equus 13 beds. We had 100/50 MGD ASR project. That's 100

14 million gallons per day of diversion through wells,

15 and 50 million gallons per day diversion through

16 surface water. And that -- the ASR project is the

17 key element of the integrated local water supply 18 plan. Various pipeline and recovery wells in the

19 equus beds to provide -- help provide maximum day

20 demands, and a 90 million gallon per day water

21 treatment plant expansion in the city. We also 22.

recommended the investigation and demonstration of

23 aquifer storage and recovery feasibility in the

24 equus beds well field and future re-evaluation of 25

reverse osmosis treatment.

. 1 MR. HINKLE: Mr. Pope, possibly a good 2 time for a break, we have a number of drawings to 3 set up. 4 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Why don't 5 we take about a 10-minute break here and we'll 6 reconvene at that time. Thank you. 7 (There was a recess from 9:37 a.m. 8 to 9:54 a.m.) 9 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Let me call the 10 hearing back to order. Mr. Hinkle, I'll turn it to 11 you. 12 MR. HINKLE: Thank you. Mr. Pope, the 13 city next calls Mr. Jeffrey Klein as a witness. 14 JEFF KLEIN, 15 called as a witness, having been first duly 16 sworn, testified as follows: 17 DIRECT EXAMINATION 18 BY MR. HINKLE: 19 O Mr. Klein, will you please state your name and give 20 us a general statement of your background education. 21 A Sure. Jeff Klein. I'm a professional engineer.

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1 Q What was the second project which you were involved?

2 A The second project was essentially a demonstration

3 project. It started in 1994 and ran through 2000.

4 The demo project was implemented to determine if 5 water could be captured, treated and recharged; what

6 the potential impacts were, both positive and

7 negative, and develop design and operational

8 criteria. We developed two 1,000 gallon per minute

9 aquifer storage and recovery systems, one for

10 surface water and one with a diversion well and a

11 storage well. Wichita's demo projects are actually

12 larger than most city's full scale projects. 13 Additional studies, reports and design projects

14 associated with the development and implementation

15 of the demo project included an environmental

16 assessment in 1994, feasibility study in 1994. The

17 demo project was designed and construction

18 observation was provided during the installation in

19 1996 and 1997. The quality assurance plan for water

20 quality sampling analysis was completed in 1997 and

21 approved by EPA and KDHE. An operations and testing

Operations assistance was provided from 1996 through

22 manual for the demo project was completed in 1997.

24 2000. Annual reports were generated during that

25 time period, and those were all issued to

1 of Cincinnati in 1986. I've been working on, as 2 project manager or project engineer, on Wichita's water supply system since 1992. In addition to 3

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working on Wichita's water supply system, I've also

I've been with Burns & McDonald Engineers for 18

civil engineering from University of Cincinnati, and

a master's in civil engineering from the University

years. I have a bachelor's in science from -- in

worked on over a dozen water resource development projects across the country for other clients.

Q Mr. Klein, as manager of the projects here in the

8 city, what projects have you completed that are 9 associated with this application before Mr. Pope?

A Let me take a little time to highlight the major studies, reports and installation of facilities that are associated with these applications. As David talked about, in 1999 -- or 1993, excuse me, there was a water supply study. This was the initial

15 project as far as Burns & McDonald was concerned. 16 Wichita wanted to determine if Milford Reservoir was

17 the best source for the city and their regional

customers. We evaluated 27 conventional and

19 nonconventional alternatives, including the no 20 action alternative. The integrated local water

21 supply plan was recommended. It included the

22 following components: First was to change the 23 priority of use of the equus beds well field. Equus

24 beds water was the first call. It became second

25 call to Cheney. This was implemented in 1994, and

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cooperating agencies. The city has completed several pilot studies relating to the treatment of surface water, two with ballasted flocculation and two with filtration systems, and the city is looking at another filtration project in 2005.

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6 A final report on the demo project was 7 submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation as part of 8 the High Plains Aquifer Recharge project in 2000. 9 That's DWR Exhibit Q. The demo project worked well. 10 There were no negative impacts on water quality. 11 The diversion well, intake, recharge wells and the 12 recharge basins had no negative impacts on the 13 environment. We recharged, as David said, over a 14 billion gallons of water. We recommended recharge 15 techniques based on cost and performance for 16 different hydrogeologic conditions. For instance, 17 recharge wells or basins with passive wells work 18 better when you have deeper clays. We also 19 recommended additional pilot testing on the surface 20 water treatment, handling of surface water 21 residuals, concrete sides on the basins, and some 22 other operational issues. 23 Q What was the third project under your management?

- 1 conjunction with the Bureau of Reclamation and the
- 2 state and used state methods which are basically
- 3 running the 1950s drought scenario through the lake.
- 4 and that resulted in a firm yield of 47 -- or excuse
- 5 me -- 43.7 millions gallons per day, or 49,000 acre
- 6 feet per year.
- 7 Q Mr. Warren talked about a reevaluation of demand. 8 Did you participate in that type of endeavor?
- 9 A Yes, we did, and that's DWR Exhibit U, customer and 10 demand reevaluation in 1997, from the 1993 master
- 11 plan. We utilized three years of water use data
- that had the impact of the water conservation 12
- 13 measures, the rate, the additional public education
- 14 and other items that David talked about. And based
- 15 on -- based on that evaluation, the demand for
- 16 average day decreased from 125 down to 112 million
- 17 gallons per day. And maximum day decreased from 249
- 18 to 223 million gallons per day.
- 19 Q Did you manage a project relating to the drilling of 20 index wells?
- 21 A We completed the installation of 76 monitoring wells
- 22 in the equus beds well field. That's two wells, one
- 23 shallow and one deep, for each index cell. And
- 24 there are 38 index cells, and those were selected in
- 25 cooperation GMD2, and I believe KGS had some input.

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- study area. And test holes were drilled and logged
- 2 and that data used to evaluate and upgrade the 3 model.
- 4 Q The fourth project that you managed, what was that?

A The city completed over 50 test holes from 1994 to

2000 to help characterize different portions of the

- 5 A The local well field is another component of the
- 6 integrated local water supply plan. We looked at
- 7 increasing the capacity of the city's emergence in
- 8 the Sim well fields through expansion from about 9
- 45 million gallons per day of pumping capacity to 10 75. So that included several projects. We did a
- 11 feasibility study. We did a test well project and a
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- final environmental assessment in 1999. With all
- 13 these projects we did some sort of environmental
- 14 documentation to make sure everything was clear and 15 everyone was notified what was going on, including
- 16 the public and the agencies.
- 17 We're currently evaluating improvements for 18 the Sims well field, and we are also in phase one of 19
- a horizontal collector well investigation. 20 Q Did you have a project relating to the yield
- 21 analysis of Lake Cheney?
- 22 A Yes, sir, we did. In 1998 we evaluated the firm
- 23 yield for Cheney Reservoir to determine what the
- 24 actual yield was and what the potential was for
- 25. shortfall risks. We completed the analysis in

- 1 USGS took initial water level measurements and
 - continues to collect based on water quality samples.
- 3 And the GMD is currently monitoring water levels in
- 4 the index cells. That data is available in the KGS
 - Wizard database and available to the public.
- 6 Q You earlier mentioned reverse osmosis technology?
- 7 A Yes. The technology has improved substantially
- 8 since the early '90s, cost has come down, energy
 - use, and the potential of using RO in the integrated
- 10 local water supply plan was reevaluated. We did a
- 11. paper study in 2001. The city hired another firm
- 12 and they did a study in 2003. We have submitted a
- 13 draft report for an RO water treatment evaluation
- 14 and operations modeling evaluation to look at the --
- 15 how the treatment of water from the Ark River might
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- impact the integrated local water supply plan.
- 17 Q Did the Burns & McDonald work also extend to a 18 design for the full scale ASR system?
- 19 A Yes, it did. That was completed -- that concept
- 20 design was completed in 2000. We refined the
- 21 integrated local water supply plan to include
- 22 continued water conservation measures. The city has
- 23 continued modification in the operation of Cheney
- 24 and -- Cheney Reservoir and the equus beds well
- 25 field. They are currently using about 30 percent of

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- 1 the water from the equus beds where it used to be 2 60 percent. And this has had major impacts on water 3 levels in the equus beds well field area and has 4 helped to protect water quality already. This plan 5 change has caused the city to implement additional 6 projects at Cheney. Because they're using more 7 water, they're currently adding ozone to help 8 control taste and odor issues. The city reduced 9 their pre-1993 normal pumpage and has conserved or 10 restored or saved 46 billion gallons in the equus
 - Now, we lowered the ASR capacity to 100 million gallons per day. The plan still includes redevelopment of Bentley Reserve well field and expansion of the local well field to 75 million gallons per day capacity.

beds. That's 142,000 acre feet.

When we did the design criteria, at that point in time we were looking at 75 MGD of diversion well and 25 MGD of surface water. We started to incorporate some of the things we had learned in pilot testing and also looked at what we call a 40/60, which is 40 million gallons per day of diversion wells and 60 MGD of surface water, a 10/90 and a 0/100 plan. The 75/25 at that time was still the best option.

- 1 completed a hydrobiological monitoring plan in 2004.
- 2 This plan will implement monitoring to ensure
- 3 environmental protection once the project is
- 4 permitted. Protection of the environment has always
 - been and will always be an important part of the
- 6 integrated local water supply project.
- 7 Q Mr. Klein, from the environmental studies and
- 8 evaluations that have been conducted up to this
- 9 point, do you have an opinion as to whether this
- 10 project would cause an unreasonable deterioration of
- 11 the water quality at any water user's point of
- 12 diversion beyond a reasonable economic limit?
- 13 A We don't -- we have found no reason, no evidence
- 14 that any negative impact is being incurred by
- 15 anyone; only positive benefits. And, for instance,
- 16 raising the water level, helping to protect and
- 17 preserve the water quality, restoring the aquifer.
- 18 We've done -- we're currently in the ASR phase one
- 19 design phase, before we start to build the hydraulic
- 20 barrier to slow the migration of chloride
- 21 contamination from the Burrton area to the west.
- 22 The recharge area for the phase one project,
- 23 that area is --
- 24 Q Is this a DWR exhibit?
- 25 A That is City Exhibit L.

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- 1 O Did your work include more generalized environmental evaluations?
- 2 3 A The city has completed extensive environmental work

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- as part of this project. They've done aquatic
- 5 monitoring and reports on the Little Ark River, the 6 north fork of the Ninnescah and the Ninnescah Rivers
- 7 from 1995 through 1998. They've done in-stream flow
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- incremental modeling studies for those same rivers 9 in 2000 and 2001. They completed an EIS in 2004.
- 10 That's DWR Exhibit T. It wasn't required, but the
- 11 city thought this document was necessary to protect
- 12 the public interests, seek input, and inform the
- 13 public and the agencies. GMD2 was the sponsoring
- 14 agency. We have a schedule on the screen, as well
- 15 as here, which is from the EIS and shows the
- 16 completion schedule for the project. It shows phase
- 17 four of the ASR project being completed by 2012 --
- 18 or being operational by 2012. It also shows the ASR
- 19 phase one as being operational in 2005. So we're
- 20 behind schedule. The goal was to get the project
- 21 operational by -- starting in 2012 so we could
- 22 recharge water and have recharge credits available
- 23 in -- by 2015, 2016, because that's when we're
- 24 projected to exceed the current water rights.
- 25 In addition to the EIS, the city also

- 1 Q City Exhibit L.
- 2 A This portion of the well field, we were looking at 3
 - installing the recharge wells and basins is not a
- 4 major -- majorly dewatered portion in the aquifer
- 5 but is essential to help start to build that barrier
- 6 and slow the migration of the salt water
- 7 contamination, water contamination, from penetrating
- 8 into the well field. The city has always felt that
- 9 was a major distinguishing factor from the Milford
- 10 project because it did help to preserve and protect
- 11 the equus beds. Burns & McDonald is currently
- 12 developing site specific design criteria for the
- 1.3 diversion wells, recharge wells and basins.
- 14 Q Is Burns & McDonald involved in any specific agency
- 15 or public participation in this project?
- 16 A There has been extensive involvement and inclusion
- 17 in the state and federal agencies and the public
- 18 from the beginning of the project. We've had at
- 19 least annual meetings. USGS has a website that's
- 20 available to view the data. The Groundwater
- 21 Management District puts out a quarterly newsletter
- 22 with updates on the ASR project, and we send monthly
- 23 project reports out to the project team, which
- 24 includes all the cooperating agencies.
- 25 Q Could you please tell us what the full scale ASR

- 1 project includes.
- 2 A The plan is broken up into four major phases. Phase
- 3 one shown in red. See if I can do this without
- 4 burning out Jay's eyes. Includes seven diversion
- 5 wells, nine and a half miles of pipe, four
- 6 recharge/recovery wells. Seven diversion wells,
- 7 four recharge/recovery wells, and two recharge
- 8 basins. And that has a capacity of 10 million
- 9 gallons per day.
- 10 The next phase will be surface water. Which 11 surface water phase is still up in the air, but it
- 12 could be a surface water intake, ballasted
- 13 flocculation and filtration for 30 million gallons a
- 14 day, 21 and a half miles of pipe, 23
- 15 recharge/recovery wells. That will be either phase
- 16 two, three or four. Phase two could also be surface
- 17 water intake, ballasted flocculation, 11 and a half
- 18 miles of pipe and six recharge basins. And that
- 19 also has a capacity of 30 million gallons per day.
- 20 Phase three or four would be a 30 million gallon
- 21 capacity of the -- including 21 bank storage wells,
- 22 eight miles of pipe, 15 recharge/recovery wells and
- 23 two basins. Phases two, three and four will be
- 24 determined, but we do know that phase two will be --
- 25 will rely on surface water diversion. How it's

- 1 Q And the filing that was presented to Mr. Pope this 2 morning reflects those changes, is that correct?
- 3 A Correct. And that's -- this is exhibit -- City
- 4 Exhibit Q.
- 5 So we have our diversion wells, we have the
- 6 two southernmost wells, one and two, which were high
- 7 in arsenic. Because of those high arsenic levels,
- 8 we drilled two extra wells, eight and nine. And
- 9 those have much, much lower arsenic levels. The
- 10 first seven wells had an average of 1,000 gallons 11 per minute per well, but the capacities actually
- 12 ranged from 500 to 1,500 gallons per minute. The
- 13 MOU dictates 1,000 gallons per minute per well.
- 14 Then we have collection piping, 24-inch pipe that
- 15 connects it down with the existing system that's
- 16 about eight miles long. We have an arsenic
- 17 treatment facility, recharge/recovery well one, two,
- 18 three and four, and two recharge basins.
- 19 The exhibit on the screen is Exhibit R, City
- 20 Exhibit R, and it shows the locations of the wells,
- 21 the diversion wells, these are the circles one, two,
- 22 three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, the 23
- connecting piping. And, again, one and two were
- high in arsenic, so we looked up here to the north, 24
- 25 because arsenic concentrations decrease as you move

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recharged is yet to be determined.

Based on the MOU the next phase of the ASR project will be surface water, no more than 40 MGD

- of diversion wells. The 100 MGD ASR system is
- 5 adequate, based on the reduced city demands and the 6
- increased recharge capacity -- increased recharge 7 capacity would fill the aquifer quicker after
- 8 extended dry periods, but isn't required. And
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- 10 Q And more detail on this subject can be found at City
- 11 Exhibit L, is that correct?
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- 13 Q Now, can you explain the components of the ASR
- 14 project one in more detail.
- 15 A As I've said, the ASR phase one project has a
- 16 capacity of 10 million gallons per day of diversion
- 17 and recharge. The plan was modified due to arsenic
- 18 levels in diversion wells one and two and land
- 19 access for what was recharge basin one is now
- 20 recharge/recovery well four. Basically, the --
- 21 we've moved -- switched to a -- from a basin to a
- 22 well and moved it across the street. Groundwater
- 23 Management District has approved the changes to the
- 24 applications, and that was done in the last GMD
- 25 meeting last week.

further north.

- Q You're looking for City Exhibit M? 2
- 3 A Yes. This is City Exhibit M. This represents a
- 4 typical schematic for a diversion well. You see we
- 5 have a small site that we're taking up, about 50
- 6 foot by 50 foot, approximately 50 foot off the
- 7 river. We have a well, a meter bulb, piping that's
- 8 connected, overhead power lines, some underground
- 9 electric. We have a -- EP is a electrical platform
- 10 that's used -- power comes in to the electrical
- 11 platform and then splits two ways to serve two
- 12 recharge/recovery -- or two diversion wells. Gravel 13 road. Minimal impact. Minimal visibility. Those
- 14 are submersible pumps used in the wells so very
- 15 little sticks up above ground aside from the
- 16 electrical platform and a vent line.
- 17 Q You're moving to City Exhibit N?
- 18 A Yes, sir. It might actually be City Exhibit O on
- 19 the screen.
- 20 Q All right. Thank you.
- 21 A And that is a typical recharge basin. We're talking
- 22 about a fairly large area, about eight acres total.
- 23 Got sandy bottoms, concrete sides. The area would
- 24 be fenced. We have a control room to -- when water
- 25 comes in, water is metered, and then goes -- is



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1 accomplished in a pressurized vessel.

> 2 Final design and the operations plan will 3 depend on the actual well performance and quality 4 and quantity of water available in each of the bank 5 storage wells.

- Q Are there any other water quality issues?
- 7 A There are two primary -- are two water quality 8 issues that we dealt with on the project. One was 9 chlorides. Ambient concentrations for the ASR phase 10 one project have chlorides ranging in the 10 to 11 30 microgram -- milligrams per liter range. The chloride plume that's approaching the area is in 12 13 excess 300 milligrams per liter, and it's about a 14 mile away. The secondary standard for chloride is 15 250 milligrams per liter. Wichita city wells 41 and 16 42 are currently running at about 100 milligrams per 17 liter. Right at the -- well 41 is the southern 18 extent of the ASR phase one project. One more. 19 There's wells 41 and 42. So those city wells have 20 been experiencing an increase in chlorides. In 21 fact, it's about double what chlorides are in the 22 rest of the system.

Now, the Halstead diversion well, during the demonstration project, had chlorides ranging from 65 to 70 milligrams per liter. We don't expect -- no

. 1 then -- follows the line where it's discharged into

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3 Q And what is involved in the monitoring well network 4 at the diversion site?

5 A At the -- can I just talk quickly about these?

Q Oh, certainly, certainly. I didn't know you --

6 7 A Yeah. The recharge well schematic, basically we 8 take up an acre of land, basically a 200 foot 9 square, to -- the well is approximately in the 10 middle to maintain source water -- meet source water 11 protection criteria. We have a separate control 12 building and a well building -- or, yeah, the well is in the building. We have a power supply. Water 13 14 comes into the control room, goes to the well. The 15 well is also equipped with a pump'so water can -- so 16

the well can be redeveloped, and that water is pumped out and put into the system so it's used by the city. So it's recovered. And that's a City

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For the monitoring well network we have a whole network at the diversion well site, in accordance with the MOU. We have six monitoring wells around recharge/recovery well three, in accordance with the MOU, four monitoring wells around recharge/recovery wells one, two and four in

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negative impact will occur from recharging water, 2 but a positive one will. Water quality will not

3 deteriorate above drinking water standard, and we 4 won't have to restrict -- our future water use won't

5 be restricted as shown in the no action alternative.

6 Based on the no action alternative, chlorides will 7

increase in excess of three or 400 milligrams per 8 liter and restrict current uses of the water for

9 many of the users.

> The other water quality issue is atrazine. Absorption of triazine herbicides or atrazine in the bank filtration process by the silts and clays successfully remove them as shown in the USGS water quality data for the recharge water. Now, the Safe Drinking Water Act limit is three micrograms per liter.

Water quality analysis: Detection limit with GC/MS is .001 micrograms per liter, and with the Elisa kits is 0.1 micrograms per liter. The diversion well ranged from a nondetect to a 0.09 micrograms per liter during the demonstration project, while atrazine in the river ranged from .3 to 46 micrograms per liter in Halstead.

During the demonstration project we started with no atrazine in the diversion wells -- the

1 accordance with the memorandum of understanding, and two monitoring wells around the recharge basins.

2 The arsenic levels at the diversion sites had a 3

4 concentration, when all the wells are on, of 12.1

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micrograms per liter, which is obviously greater

6 than the standard -- drinking water standard of 10.

7 Diversion wells one and two had respective levels of

8 15 and 21 micrograms per liter, while well three is

9 17, all the other wells ranged from five to 13.

Well one also had a low yield, so because of 11 diversion well one's low yield and high arsenic, and

12 well number two's high arsenic levels of 21, we

13 shifted and went with the other wells.

14 Q How is the water treatment for arsenic accomplished?

15 A Well, because of the excellent treatment provided by

16 bank filtration, the only parameter that we have to

17. treat is arsenic, with the bank storage wells. The

18 drinking water limit is -- promulgated drinking

19 water limit is 10 micrograms per liter, and the city

20 will treat to meet that primary drinking water

21 limit. Basically, we will take a portion of the

flow and treat it through either an adsorption or a

23 co-precipitation treatment process. We expect a

24 pilot co-precipitation process in 2005 after the

permit is issued. Both these processes are

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- . 1 diversion well at Halstead, and had occasional low
- 2 but measurable concentrations after common periodic
- 3 pumping. Atrazine is not expected to be an issue
- 4 in the lower screen -- lower zone screens of the
- 5 diversion wells, but could be in the shallow zone
- 6 screens. Under the MOU, the use of shallow --
- 7 screens in the shallow zone will be evaluated in
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- 9 Q Mr. Klein, based on this kind of detailed data, do 10 you still hold to your conclusion that there would 11 not -- this project would not cause an unreasonable 12 deterioration of the water quality at any water
- 13 user's point of diversion?
- 14 A This project will not cause an reasonable
- 15 deterioration of water quality, and it in fact will
- 16 have a positive one of helping to protect by
- 17 restoring the levels and building the hydraulic
- 18 barrier.
- 19 MR. HINKLE: Thank you. I have no
- 20 further questions. Mr. Pope, shall I pass this to 21
 - Mr. Adrian?
- 22 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Yes.
- 23 MR. ADRIAN: Again, with your permission
- 24 · I will remain here at my table and my notes.
- 25 HEARING OFFICER POPE: That's fine.

- 1 he's seen in other parts of the world and got -- and
- 2 incorporated his input into the design and the
- 3 operations. He assisted in peer reviewing in the
- 4 design process as well as the operations process.
- 5 He came and visited the facilities after they were 6 constructed.
- 7 Q So has he -- he's continued his involved, then?
- 8 A Yes, he has.
- 9 Q Just -- although you may not be able to list a lot
- 10 of them, but can you give us and those present some
- 11 idea of his experience in recharge projects in the
- 12 United States that are -- that would possibly be
- 13 similar to this?
- 14 A I'll defer that to Dave Stous, but I will say that
- 15 this project is very unique for recharge. Most
- 16 the -- if you look at what recharge projects have
- 17 been accomplished across the country, a lot of them
- 18 involve injection of waste water for either water
- 19 reuse or chloride -- salt water control. In Florida
- 20 you get a lot of projects, and the same in Des
- 21 Moines, where they treat excess water at the water
- 22 treatment plant and inject it into the ground into
- 23 an aquifer that nobody uses, and then they pull that
- 24 water out during peak periods to meet needs.
- 25 Q And that is something that he was involved in

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CROSS-EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. ADRIAN:

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- 3 Q Mr. Klein, you indicated at the outset of your
- 4 testimony that I think you have worked on 12
- 5 projects throughout the United States which involved
- 6 recharge, is that correct?
- 7 A No. Oh, that have involved water supply
- 8 development.
- 9 Q Not necessarily recharge.
- 10 A Correct.
- 11 Q How many of those were recharge projects?
- 12 A None.
- 13 Q None of them were?
- 14 A Correct.
- 15 Q So this is a case of first impression for you?
- 16 A The studies, the design, the installation, the
- 17 operations work we've done with the city on their
- 18 two 1,000 gallon per minute ASR projects are some of
- 19 the medium-size projects that have been completed in

projects in Kansas, so to a certain extent I guess

- 20 this country. And there are no other recharge 21
- that makes us the experts on recharge in Kansas. 22
- 23 Q What about --
- 24 A And we also brought in Herman Bauer, the grandfather
- 25 of recharge, during the design to talk about things

- 1 personally?
- 2 A I don't know.
- 3 Q I'm now referring to your -- I think it's Wichita
- 4 Exhibit L, which I believe is the card that you have
- 5 up there and the -- the exhibit on the screen, and
- 6 in that you have circled up toward the center part
- 7 of that exhibit the proposed bank storage wells, do
- 8 you not, in more bold red?
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 Q And then as you proceed southeasterly along the
- 11 little river, Little Arkansas River, there are what
- 12 I observe as three other oblong circles?
- 13 A Correct.
- 14 Q Are those the proposed withdrawal locations?
- 15 Tentatively.
- 16 Q Well, that's what I was going to ask you. How
- 17 committed are you to those locations?
- 18 A There's no firm commitment to those locations, nor
- 19 is it known whether that would be phase three or
- 20 four or whether they would ever be installed.
- 21 Q The -- you also mentioned with some specificity the
- 22 monitoring wells that are to be installed pursuant
- 23 to the memorandum of understanding, and I was
- 24 wondering whether you could go into a greater
- 25 description of how those monitoring wells will work.

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- In other words, again, for the benefit of us and the
- 2 public in general, how are they functioning to .
- 3 protect the public interest?
- 4 A Monitoring wells are placed, as I recall, at various
- 5 north, south, east, west of the recharge site. And
- 6 they will be used to monitor water level and water
- 7 quality so the impacts of the ASR project can be
- 8 monitored, as well as the impacts of other users in
- 9 the area.
- 10 Q And what is it about those -- that monitoring that
- is going to trigger a change in what you may -- in
- what those wells may be doing? Not the monitoring
- wells, but the recharge wells or the bank storage
- 14 wells.
- 15 A Now, can you repeat the question?
- 16 Q What -- what signals are you going to get from those
- monitoring wells that will cause some modification
- of what you may be doing at the moment? I mean, is
- it water quality? Will that be a continuous measure
- 20 that you're taking?
- 21 A Water quality will be a continuous measure. Not out
- of the monitoring wells as much as through -- at the
- arsenic treatment plant we'll be continuing to
- 24 monitor specific criteria of specific conductance of
- 25 pH.

- 1 that it won't be -- the well -- the diversion
- 2 well -- or bank storage well will not be screened in
 - the shallow portion of the aquifer.
- 4 Q What will go into those -- to that evaluation? What
- 5 consideration will you give to that evaluation?
- 6 A The capacity and the water quality, if it's
- 7 available through the shallow portion, and how that
 - compares to the lower portion. What the blend --
- 9 blended water quality would be.
- 10 Q And that will be in -- I gather from your testimony
- and from the Memorandum of Understanding, that will
- be -- you'll be in constant contact with the
- 13 district in regards to those decisions.
- 14 A Certainly. The details of that task have to be
- 15 worked out with the district. Everything is pending
- issuance of a permit at this stage.
- 17 Q You also indicated that -- or the second quality
- issue was arsenic, and have you determined the
- 19 source of that arsenic?
- 20 A It's naturally occurring.
- 21 Q Can you be a little more explicit about that?
- 22 A I'm not a geologist, so I can defer to Dave Stous or
- 23 tell you that it's -- arsenic naturally occurs more
- 24 at different concentrations just like iron does in
- 25 different parts of the formations in the aquifers.

- 1 Q And I gather and implicit in that answer is that
- 2 there are some standards that you will set, beyond
- 3 which, if those standards are exceeded, then you
- 4 will modify apparently the withdrawal or the
- 5 injection of water.
- 6 A An operations plan will be developed with the
- 7 Groundwater Management District.
- 8 Q And that's not in existence at the moment, then.
- 9 A No. No, it is not.
- 10 Q Of the three quality issues that you mentioned,
- 11 which were atrazine, arsenic and chloride, you
- 12 indicated I think, first of all, that atrazine did
- 13 not appear to be a problem if the water -- or it
- 14 appeared to be less of a problem if the water was
- drawn from the lower screening?
- A Correct. And that's based on three years of
 operating data from the Halstead demonstration well.
- 18 Q But again, is it not the understanding and
- 19 commitment under the Memorandum of Understanding
- 20 that you will, to the greatest extent possible, use
- 21 the upper screening?
- 22 A It is written into the MOU that we will evaluate a
- 23 shallow well and the impact of that well on the
- 24 water quality. It's also written that if it's -- if
- 25 the shallow well does deteriorate the water quality,

- 1 This is not a homogeneous aquifer.
- 2 Q So my impression is that as with atrazine or other
- 3 quality issues are going to be monitored on a
- 4 continuous basis. Is that what you're saying?
- 5 A Water quality will be monitored on a -- different
- 6 parameters will be monitored on a continuous basis.
- 7 Not in all parameters. You can't monitor arsenic on
- 8 a continuous basis.
- 9 Q You cannot.
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q How will you monitor it then?
- 12 A You sample. You set the system up and you take your
- sample. There's hits as well as lab techniques.
- 14 One thing we found in the Halstead test well,
- 15 diversion well, was that the arsenic concentrations
- 16 are very consistent. They pretty much ranged from
- 17 20 to 22 from the time we drilled the test hole
- without pumping and after years of pumping, just
- 19 vacillated within that range. So once you know what
- 20 your concentrations are, it's very simple to get a
- 21 proper blend of water.
- 22 Q When the water is withdrawn from bank storage wells,
- 23 is treated or monitored -- and/or monitored and sent
- 24 through this nine to -- eight, nine mile pipeline to
- 25 the injection wells, recharge/recovery wells, what

- . 1 is -- what quality standard do you follow with
- 2 regard to the water actually going down into the
- 3 ground? What -- what is the measure that you --
- 4 you're placing on it at that point?
- 5 A It's going to meet drinking water -- primary 6 drinking water standards.
- 7 Q And what is that?
- 8 A A very long list of standards. For instance,
- 9 arsenic, its promulgated limit is 10, effective I
- 10 think January 2006. There's limits on others.
- Q So it's a composite, and not a one number standard. 11
- 12 A I'm not sure, and some of those details have yet to 13 be worked out with KDHE.
- 14 Q Are you not the person I should be asking that?
- A Whether it's a composite or whether it's a --15
- 16 Q Yeah.
- 17 A The arsenic level will always be below 10.
- 18 Q As to the other quality issues, what standard do you
- 19 apply, or do you know?
- 20 A The primary drinking water standards.
- Q In all cases. 21
- 22 A (Nodded head up and down.) Yes.
- 23 Q So it is conceivable that the water in the aquifer
- 24 into which this recharge water is being inserted
- 25 could have a different chemistry than the recharge

- 1 deep monitoring wells, to assess the path that the
- 2 water took to get to the well, what sort of
- 3 decreases or increases occurred, how things changed,
- 4 what happens with -- compared to the river level.
- 5 And Jerry Blain has some very interesting
- 6 hydrographs to show how that works.
- 7 Q By that last statement, I'm taking that he's the one
- 8 to ask that question of which -- of whom to ask that
- 9 question.
- 10 A He has the hydrograph and he can -- exhibit, and he 11 can give you a -- I believe it's part of his 12 testimony to get to give you more -- all the
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- MR. ADRIAN: I have no other questions at 14 15 this time.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Any redirect for 17 Mr. Klein?
- 18 · MR. HINKLE: I do have one line of 19 questioning.
 - REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 21 BY MR. HINKLE:

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- 22 Q Mr. Klein, you referred a couple of times to the
- 23 primary drinking water standard as the standard by
- which the water will be treated before it is used 24
- 25 for recharge, is that right?

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- 2 A It could be different. It could have higher arsenic
- 3 or it could have lower arsenic. It could have
- 4 higher chlorides or lower chlorides.
- 5 Q Have you worked out a system whereby you will test
- 6 that water, in other words, the water in the aquifer
- 7 which is receiving the recharge water?
- 8 A That's the water that comes out of the monitoring 9 well that we're -- and the index wells.
- 10 Q One of the issues that has been raised frequently
- 11 within the discussions of the district and by the
- 12 manager and by the consultant is whether these bank
- 13 storage wells will actually be withdrawing bank
- 14 storage water or whether they will be withdrawing
- 15 groundwater, and can you describe for us possibly
- 16 in -- hopefully in laymen's terms of how you.
- 17 differentiate between those two and how the system
- 18 is set up so -- to assure all of us present that you
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- are withdrawing bank storage water as opposed to
- 20 ground water?
- 21 A When we did the demonstration project -- use that as
- 22 an example -- we went through an extensive test. I
- think we pumped the well for in excess of 90 days. 23
- 24 We had an extensive monitoring system looking at
- 25 changes in water surface level, both in shallow and

- A Correct.
- 2 Q Is it correct to say that that's the -- the best
- 3 quality of water that is required or evaluated by
- 4 government standards for any use?
- 5 A Correct. That is correct. That is the drink -- the 6
 - standard that all public water supplies must meet
- 7 for protection of public health and public interest.
- 8 Q Based upon your knowledge of the various uses of
- 9 water that exist within the area affected by this 10 project, are there any uses of which you are aware
- that would be affected by any change of the quality 11
- 12 of water that would be -- that would be created by
- 13 using that primary drinking water standard as the
- 14 recharge water level?
- 15 A That recharge water level -- recharge water quality
- 16 will not adversely affect the current uses. Some
- 17 areas may experience an improvement in the water
- 18 quality on certain parameters.
- 19 O Thank you.
- 20 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Rolfs?
 - EXAMINATION
- 22 BY MR. ROLFS:
- 23 Q Just one question. You mentioned that this project,
- 24 I believe, would have four recharge wells and two
- 25 recharge basins, is that correct?

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A Correct.	1	Q And then are there other constituents in the water
Q But at some point you're indicating you changed the	2	for which the same thing is true?
recharge basin into a recharge well, but you still	3	A We've based on the water quality data collected
have two recharge basins after that?	4	to date by USGS there are no other parameters whe
A Correct. That was the revisions in the application,	5	we have any quality issues, or compliance issues.
land ownership issue.	6	Q Okay. Now, in regard to the actual recharge of the
MR. ROLFS: Okay. Thank you.	7	water, after it's diverted and treated to meet those
HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Bagley.	8	primary drinking water standards 1 think that
EXAMINATION	9	I've used your terms correct.
BY MR. BAGLEY:	10	A (Nodded head up and down.)
Q I want to go back to the issue of bank storage	11	Q Can you describe I want to distinguish here,
wells. We're talking about the issue of atrazine	12	because I understand that there is regulation of
and whether or not you would use upper screens or	13	this project also by the Kansas Department of Health
lower screens. I guess my question is, part of that	14	and Environment, so I'm not wanting to necessarily
is also dictated by whether you can demonstrate the	15	go into areas that I believe will be certainly
bank storage water is actually removed using the	16	regulated by that department, but what can you
lower screens as opposed to the upper screens, is	17	just describe generally, if it's appropriate for
that not	18	you, what type of regulatory provisions you will
A That is correct.	19	need to comply with for the Kansas Department of
Q So that is also a factor, and if the so you've	20	Health and Environment? Are there other permits or

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A Yeah.

2 Q -- be taking in that regard?

3 A Yeah. The city is in the process of taking -- of 4 issuing applications, and I believe those

5 applications have been issued or are under peer review.

approvals for any aspect of this project?

A There are other permits and approvals that are in

process, but no criteria, no water quality criteria

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has been given to us by KDHE at this time.

Q But there are later approval steps that you will --

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7 Q And those would be specifically related to what 8 water can be used for drinking water supplies or

9 what water can be injected or --

10 A Classified injection permit.

11 Q Classified injection permits? That would be for

12 each of the wells.

13 A Correct.

14 Q Recharge wells.

15 A Correct.

16 Q And some of the water from this project -- this

17 proposal here involves the withdrawal wells but alse

18 the, what, four recharge wells, correct?

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20 Q There's also been mention of the two recharge pits 21 that were established as a part of the demonstration

22 project?

23 A Correct.

24 Q And this project would propose to also use those.

25 A These will be two new recharge basins.

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BY HEARING OFFICER POPE:

- 2 Q Mr. Klein, I have a couple of questions, and if any
- 3 of these are ones that you believe the later

got to balance both, is that correct?

MR. BAGLEY: Okay.

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A That is correct. And until the wells are installed,

you -- you have to put the wells in to prove it.

- 4 witnesses will be more specifically addressing, just
- 5 tell me so we don't have to be redundant here.
- 6 You've testified to some degree here about the water
- 7 quality aspects of the project. Can you tell me a
- 8 little bit more specifically what water treatment
- 9 facilities are planned to be constructed as a part
- 10 of this phase of the project? You discussed
- 11 treatment for arsenic, I believe.

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- 13 Q Well, so, then all of the water that will be
- 14 withdrawn from bank storage wells will be run
- 15 through a treatment plant and treated for then
- 16 arsenic? Is that what I understand?
- 17 A Be more than likely a blend. A portion of that
- 18 water will be treated and a portion won't be, so the
- 19 blend of water will produce a recharge water that
- 20 meets the primary drinking water standard.
- 21 Q Okay. And are there other --
- 22 A One that --
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- 24 A One that complies with the primary drinking water
- 25 standard.

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- Q Oh. Two new recharge basins are proposed.
- 2 A Here in these two locations (indicating). The
- 3 Halstead diversion site had a recharge basin here,
- 4 and then the Sedgwick site had three recharge
- 5 basins. So these are two new recharge basins.
- 6 Q And so -- but are the existing original recharge
- 7 basins also going to be available for use or
- 8 proposed to be used as far as this part?
- 9 A Not in this phase.
- 10 Q Not in this phase.
- 11 A Possibly in the future.
- 12 Q Possibly in the future. And then -- so there will
- 13 then be the two new recharge basins that are being
- 14 proposed as a part of this project.
- 15 A Correct.

- 16 Q I'm sure that's got to be in here. I just want to
- 17 make sure I understand.
- 18 A Yeah. Right. The recharge techniques are for
- 19 recharge recovery wells one, two, three, and then
- 20 that is now a well, and then these two basins.
- 21 Q Okay. And the provisions that you described earlier
- 22 would apply to these recharge basins as well --
- 23 A Correct.

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- 24 Q -- in regard to all quality aspects.
- A Be the same one.

- 1 primary drinking water standard, will not negatively
 - 2 impact the ambient quality of the water, water uses

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- 3 in the area. Now, the do-nothing alternative which
- 4 allows the chloride polution, contamination, to
- 5 migrate into the well field area will have a
- 6 dramatic negative impact on the current water uses
- 7 in the area. That's one the city can more easily
- 8 deal with through -- at the water plant, but not one
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- that maybe the other -- the general public can deal 10 with on a --
- 11 Q I certainly agree with your last statement, that
- 12 that plume poses a great problem, but I -- in view
- 13 of this commitment, I was just curious from a
- 14 technical standpoint how you're going to meet that.
- 15 In other words, how you are going to -- what this
- 16 says to me is that the standard that the injection
- 17 water has to meet is one or the other, either 18 drinking water standard or the ambient water
- 19 standard, if that is different, unless -- or a
- 20 higher quality.
- 21 A That would be an issue better addressed by the city 22
 - and the -- ultimately the regulators.
- 23 MR. ADRIAN: Very well. Thank you.
- 24 EXAMINATION
- 25 BY MR. ROLFS:

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HEARING OFFICER POPE: I don't believe I

- have any further questions. Do you -- just a
 - second. Mr. Adrian, do you have a follow-up question?
 - MR. ADRIAN: I would like to, if it would be permitted.
 - HEARING OFFICER POPE: Yes.
 - RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 9 BY MR. ADRIAN:
- 10 Q Mr. Klein, I'm referring to the Memorandum of
- 11 Understanding right now, and on issue eight, which I
- 12 don't expect you to recall, but it had to do with
- 13 water quality, the commitment of the city and the 14 GMD in that regard was that the quality of the
- 15 recharge water injected into the aquifer through the
- 16 proposed ASR wells will meet drinking water
- 17 standards and will not degrade the ambient use of 18 water in the basin storage area.
- 19 Now, those could be two different things, 20 likely will be two different measures, will they
- 21 not?
- 22 A I believe there was -- there's something -- or was 23 there something about beyond an economic --
- 24 Q Well, it's not written into that commitment.
- 25 A Well, the primary water that is treated will meet

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- Q I believe you said that you were required to get I 1 2 think classified injection well permits from KDHE
- 3 for the four injection wells. Do they also regulate
- 4 the recharge pits?
- 5 A It's my understanding that those aren't regulated, 6 but the requested information and information on the
 - recharge basins or pits has been submitted.
 - MR. ROLFS: Okay.
 - **EXAMINATION**
- 10 BY HEARING OFFICER POPE:
- 11 Q And did I understand you, Mr. Klein, to say that you
- 12 would anticipate some additional testimony from the
- 13 city addressing these points regarding the questions
- 14 that Mr. Adrian asked?
- 15 A Yes, sir.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER POPE: I don't believe I
- 17 have any further questions. Thank you very much.
- 18 Mr. Hinkle, are you ready for your next 19 witness?
- 20 MR. HINKLE: Yes. Thank you. I would 21 call to -- the next witness is Jerry Blain.
- 22 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Do you want the 23 microphone?
- 24 GERALD T. BLAIN,
 - called as a witness, having been first duly

Page 102 Page 104 1 sworn, testified as follows: 1 exist. Establish what the quality of that source 2 DIRECT EXAMINATION 2 waters would be. Determine what the impact to the aquifer would be if we recharged those source waters 3 3 BY MR. HINKLE: 4 into the aquifer. Evaluate various recharge methods 4 Q Mr. Blain, would you please state your full name and 5 5 give us a brief accounting of your education and and techniques to see if they were viable 6 experience in water -- dealing -- that relates to 6 alternatives for recharging the aquifer, and then 7 7 water supply and distribution. also to develop the data to support the permit 8 A My name is Gerald T. Blain. I'm a licensed 8 requirements that we knew would be needed both by 9 9 professional engineer with the state of Kansas. Division of Water Resources, KDHE and other 10 10 I've worked for the Wichita water and sewer 11 department for over 29 years. During that time, 11 Q I take it from your comment that the concept of bank 12 12 I've worked as water supply production pumping storage water was not one that was well, or at least 13 . superintendent and now currently working as water 13 previous -- or possibly even previously recognized? 14 14 A It was not a concept that was recognized as a supply projects administrator for the city of 15 Wichita. 15 individual water resource. At the same time that 16 Q Mr. Adrian has already identified you also as a 16 the city of Wichita was beginning to look at its 17 17 water supply alternatives in '92, the Groundwater board member for Groundwater Management District 18 Number 2, is that correct? 18 Management District was also doing some management 19 19 A Yes, that's correct. alternatives to deal with water usage along the 20 20 Q And what are your responsibilities there? Little Arkansas River. What brought us to that 21 21 A I've been a member of the GMD board since conclusion to look at bank storage was testimony we 22 22 approximately 1992, I believe. Elected in '93. heard when we were evaluating management techniques 23 Have served as the city's representative on that 23 along the Little Arkansas River, because what was 24 24 recognized is the aquifer discharged into the -board during that time frame. Have also worked with

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1 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Excuse me. 2 A -- city of Wichita on another --3 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Can we check and 4 make sure your mic is coming through as well as it 5 can. It may not be on. 6 A I've also been involved with the city of Wichita in 7 working with Cheney watershed protection project 8 working with farmers and producers in that watershed 9 to reduce pollution and extend the life of the --10 that water source. 11 Q Would it be correct to say that both in your 12 capacity as an employee of the city of Wichita and 13 as a GMD2 board member you are acquainted with and

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the --

14 have had significant roles to play in the 15 demonstration project and the application that is 16 currently before the division? 17 A Yes, that's correct. 18 Q What would you say are the main components and goals

19 of the city's aquifer demonstration project? 20 A The demonstration project was a five-year project. 21 Its main goals were to establish if source water

22 could be captured from the Little Arkansas River. 23 And by source water we were looking both at what we 24 call bank storage water and direct surface intake.

25 Verify that this bank storage concept worked and did

Page 105 1 working to develop ways to control water usage along 2 the river to make sure that the aquifer could still 3 discharge to the river and be considered as a usage 4 of the aquifer. We heard testimony from a number of 5 people located along the river that there wasn't any 6 need to do something like that because every time it 7 rained their water levels went up in their wells. 8 We pursued that concept a little bit more, seeing if 9 perhaps that did occur, that the river did influence 10 groundwater levels temporarily. And if that did 11 happen, whether or not that was a viable resource to 12 capture. What the farmers and producers with wells 13 who did that, they benefited by lower pumping costs 14 and things like that, but the specific event, if you 15 will, when the water levels rose in the wells, had not been determined to be an independent water 16 17 resource that could be captured. And since all the 18 conventional water resources in the Little Arkansas 19 River were already allocated to somebody else, we

were looking at whether or not that component as

well as excess flows in the river could be captured

Q And did your demonstration project determine that

such excess flows were in fact a resource that could

be captured? And, if so, how did you determine that

as a water resource.

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to be the case? A What we did is we built a demonstration well,

2 3 pumping well, and sited it adjacent to the river.

4 We then surrounded that well by an extreme number of

5 monitoring wells. I believe there was a total of

6 over 18 monitoring wells, deep and shallow, located

7 around that diversion well. The sole purpose of

those wells was to determine if bank storage

9 occurred, and if, while pumping, you could capture

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11 impact it would have if you pump that water to

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13 Q What did you find from the sampling that you did

14 through those wells?

15 A We determined that bank storage events did occur, 16 not only at the site we were at but several other

17 sites we put monitoring wells in, and that we could

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capture that water. If I can refer to Exhibit DD,

19 which is displayed behind you. This is a hydrograph

20 that occurred in -- while we were using this, and 21

what you can see here, the top line here represents

22 river levels, and the lower lines here represent

various ground water levels. Two of these are

24 fairly close to the river. The red line is

25 significantly further away from the river. 1 again water levels rose in the well while the well

2 was pumping. In fact, at this point in time here,

water levels in the well were almost 10 feet higher

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3 4 than they were under baseline conditions. So at

5 this point in time, you know, on both of these

6 occasions, again, that is not what you will see when

7 you operate a well. You would normally see

8 something like that where you have a cone of

9 depression while the pump is operating, you shut off

the pump, the cone of depression disappears. In 10

11 this case, rather than have a cone of depression, we

12 actually have the increase in water levels in the

13 well. We shut off the well at this point in time.

14 It quickly restored. And as you can see, water

15 levels at this point in time are three feet higher

16 than they were at this point in time. You see the

17 well furthest from the river did not respond near as

fast to water level changes, but it did eventually

19 respond to the changes of flow in the river, and it

20 also ended up several feet higher than it was at the

21 baseline. We started pumping here on

22 September 23rd, and that's 1998. We ended pumping

here on December 17th. During that time frame we

24 pumped for 86 consecutive days. We pumped

25 117 million gallons of water, and at the time frame

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And I might want to point out one difference here. Under normal occasions, the black line here would actually be lower than the water levels that we'd be measuring in the aquifer, but this -- the gage that we used to measure the river was actually upstream about two miles from this site so, therefore, it looks artificially higher than actually occurred, but what it does show is the time event when the rainfall events and excess flow events occurred in the river. You can see we had an event here early in the year. River went up. We turned on the pump, and we had a cone of depression form, not a very significant cone of depression, but when we stopped pumping, ground water levels before and after pumping were about the same. We then had a much more significant rainfall event happen later in the year. This is September. We turned on the pump on this date, and we formed a cone of depression. We actually turned off the pump at this date, in December. What you can see is there were several significant flow events, but you can also see here we formed a cone of depression but water levels rose in the well while it was pumping. We

formed another cone of depression for a period of

time, and then another major flow event occurred and

when we stopped pumping, water levels were three feet higher than we were before we started.

2 3 That is the perfect epitome, if you will, of what we

wanted to demonstrate through these bank storage

5 wells, is that a well could pump, divert river

6 water, and that it would have no impacts on the

7 adjacent groundwater around it and no prejudicial

8 impact, so that is the definitions you are attaching

9 bank storage water through here, that we captured it

10 and again demonstrated that there was no negative

11 impacts, and as you can see, the water -- river

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levels were still higher than baseline, but we had 13 to shut off the well for weather conditions and

14 stuff. But we could have kept pumping considerably

15 longer because this flow in the river is higher than

16 the baseline that we would use to turn on a well in

17 a normal case. So the primary intention of showing

18 these base water -- these bank storage monitoring

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systems was to determine that bank storage could be

20 captured and that there would be no negative impacts

21 on any surrounding groundwater users because the

22 river water replaced all the water that was pumped

23 from the bank storage well.

24 Q Did you also determine there was a positive effect 25 on water quality through the bank filtration?

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- 1 A We determined there was a change in the water 2 quality in the bank storage well. We particularly 3
- wanted to track conductivity, which is a measure of
- 4 water quality, but usually there's a difference in
- 5 the conductivity levels in groundwater and surface
- 6 water. And what we found as we pumped this well is
- 7 that the conductivity of the water we pumped
- 8 changed. It took on a blend, if you will, of
- 9 surface water and groundwater, which what that
- 10 indicated to us is that the water in the river was
- 11 migrating into the aquifer and replacing the aquifer
- 12 water we were pumping. We also observed that the
- 13 atrazine levels as previously mentioned in the river
- 14 were significantly higher than they were in the
- 15 native groundwater and that those atrazine levels
- 16 did not change over time, meaning that the bank
- 17 filtration technology or technique that was
- 18 happening there was -- provided treatment on that
- 19 atrazine. It's as if the -- each bank storage well
- 20 essentially can be like a little mini water
- 21 treatment plant by removing the turbidities and
- 22 other contaminants in the river, including atrazine,
- 23 and then the water that you pump out of the well,
- 24 then, is ready to be recharged.
- 25 Q If the bank storage well was not capturing water

- 1 of monitoring wells we had around there did give us
- 2 actual measurable quantities and conditions that
- 3 could be replicated at other sites, so those
- 4 measurable components became part of regulations
- 5 defining the operation of bank storage wells.
- 6 Q And who promulgated those regulations?
- 7 A Those regulations were promulgated by the Division
 - of Water Resources and also by the Groundwater
- 9 Management District that were later adopted by the
- 10 Division of Water Resources.
- 11 Q Mr. Blain, there was a claim during the
- 12 demonstration project that certain trees located
- 13 near one of the recharge basins were killed by the
- 14 project. Is that what happened?
- 15 A While we were recharging water at one of the
 - recharge sites where it was actually recharging
- 17 water from the surface water diversion near Sedgwick
 - we observed a row of trees adjacent to one of the
- 19 basins dying. At that point in time, I contacted
- 20 the U.S. Geological Survey, had them come out and
- 21 sample water quality, groundwater quality, in the
- 22 tree line. We actually had monitoring wells already
- 23 in place there. And had an arborist who worked for
- 24 the city of Wichita come out and look to see if they
- 25 could determine the cause of the trees' condition.
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- 1 from the river, what would you have expected to have
- 2 3 A What we would have seen is if the water levels as
- 4 monitored around the well would decline over time,
- 5 especially since it was already determined the
- 6 water -- groundwater discharges to the river, if we
- 7 took groundwater out of there, we would have seen
- 8 significant and very measurable changes in
- 9 groundwater levels around the well.
- 10 Q And you saw nothing of the sort, then.
- 11 A We saw nothing. In fact, we saw that water levels
- 12 still improved even though we were pumping and
- 13 definitely the baseline water levels did not
- 14 deteriorate through considerable operation of the
- 15 wells. What is important is that the well has to be
- 16 operated when there's water there. In this case an
- 17 excess flow event in the river must occur in order
- 18 for us to capture that water, because if there is
- 19 not water in the river to replace what we pump, then
- 20 the groundwater levels will deteriorate. It will
- 21 also affect the flow in the river.
- 22 Q The data you obtained from monitoring, was it used
- 23 in any way to craft the regulations to administer
- 24 this project?
- 25 A Yes. Because the things we observed and the number

- The U.S. Geological Survey tested the groundwater
- 2 and found nothing in the groundwater, no pesticides
- 3 or anything else that would relate to death of the
- 4 trees. The arborist we had look at it determined
- 5 that he thought that they were killed by a herbicide
- 6 or something, but -- from the surface, so at that
- 7 point in time we proceeded knowing that we felt 8 confident that we had not caused a problem with the
- 9 trees with the recharge activities. Approximately a
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- year and a half, two years later, there was another
- 11 public interest in why the trees died. I gave that 12 information. There was some dissatisfaction that
- 13 that answer was complete. We contacted the Kansas 14 Department of Health and Environment and they worked
- 15 with the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District
- 16 staff, had investigators come out from the Kansas
- 17 Department of Agriculture and Kansas State Forestry.
- 18 They looked at the trees. They wrote an
- 19 investigation that essentially said that the trees
- 20 were killed by a surface applied herbicide and not
- 21 related to any of the recharge activities that
- 22 occurred at that site.
- 23 Q And the K-State report that relates to this is in
- 24 the record as Exhibit CC, is that correct?
- 25 A That's correct.

- 1 Q Why did the city select the sites that were included2 in the applications?
- A The sites were picked primarily because of the
 chloride contamination that exists. You can see on
- 5 this Exhibit, which is Exhibit Y, this shows a
- 6 depiction of the chloride plume that occurs -- is
- 7 occurring now. That's in the middle zone. We also
- 8 have exhibits for the shallow zone and the deep
- 9 zone. This is near the Burrton area. This is
- $10 \qquad \hbox{probably -- the highest concentrations here are} \\$
- 11 probably the source of most of the chlorides. As
- 12 you can see, it has expanded significantly. This
- 13 line right here represents 400 parts per million
- 14 chlorides. Well in excess of the 250 parts per
- 15 million chlorides that exist or are a part of the
- 16 drinking water standards. These six sites you see
- 17 here are the recharge sites. These are the three
- 18 recharge recovery wells, the recharge well, and then
- 19 two basins. And the water is coming from the river
- 20 over here. The reason we picked these six sites is
- 21 to begin the formation of the hydraulic barrier to
- 22 try to keep that plume from moving any further. As
- you can see, in some cases it's less than a mile, in
- fact, less than a quarter of a mile from the
- 25 recharge sites we have selected. And so that's why

- 1 correct?
- 2 A Yes, uh-huh.
- 3 Q Is it correct to say that since that prehearing
- 4 order was developed that the city's acquisition
- 5 efforts have continued?
- 6 A Yes
- Q And, in fact, moved significantly ahead, is thatcorrect?
- 9 A Yes.

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10 Q Like I say, I believe at this point there might be
11 only three property owners we don't actually have
12 the signed contract on, but they've got contracts in
13 front of them and we're negotiating with them, but
14 all three of those owners have also given letters of
15 intent to sell.

MR. HINKLE: Mr. Pope, I would offer at this time revised City Exhibits KK and LL. The ones currently in the record reflect the city's acquisition rights at the time when those exhibits were submitted. The new exhibits or the revised exhibits would show the acquisition rights as they stand today. And I have five copies available for distribution if you like.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Why don't you go ahead and make that distribution. These would be

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- 1 it's imperative that we put -- start that hydraulic
- 2 barrier, because if we don't start it recharging
- 3 before the plume goes past, then we will not
- 4 accomplish anything, so that's why we selected these
- 5 locations solely on the basis of forming a hydraulic
- 6 barrier. You can also see right here, these are the
- 7 chloride contamination coming from the Arkansas
- 8 River, which is south of here. This is the 250
- 9 parts per million line for that. So you can see
- 10 that plume also is moving into our well field as
 - depicted on here.

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- 12 Q Mr. Blain, what's the status of the city's right to
- 13 access to the six sites that you have mentioned?
- 14 A At this point in time the city has either obtained
- contracts or received letters that -- of acc -- of
- 16 intent from the property owners from all the sites
- stating that they will either sell us the sites or
- they're willing to sell us access to the sites, both
- 19 for recharge sites and also for the diversion sites
- along the river. So at this point in time I believe
- 21 I can say that the city has acquired property owner
- 22 intent to sell or contracts from all sites included
- 23 in this project, which is -- was one of the issues
- included in the purpose for the hearing.
- 25 Q You're referring to the prehearing order, is that

essentially revised -- or substitute for the ones previously submitted?

MR. HINKLE: That's correct. They'll have all the information shown on existing KK and LL, and update the information that's contained there to show acquisition rights by either ownership or letters of intent for all the properties now.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Hinkle, before we go forward here, let me -- would it be more clear for the record since we have an existing -- apparently we have an existing KK and LL in our materials, if we just gave these new numbers, and then you could make clear for the record that these were the updated versions?

MR. HINKLE: Certainly. That's fine.
HEARING OFFICER POPE: Can you tell me,
one of you, what the last existing city number is,
then? So what would be the new number if we did it
in sequence?

MR. LANG: Mr. Pope, these would be MM, Mike Mike.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: So MM would be ϵ substitute for KK and LL. Is there two documents or one or --

MR. HINKLE: Actually KK and LL have

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attachments to them and those are not included in this substitute document, so I think your suggestion that we just have it as a separate Exhibit MM works

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. And you're offering that at this point in time. Let me ask, Mr. Adrian, do you have -- does the district have -have you had a chance to look at this sufficient to know if you have concerns?

MR. ADRIAN: Actually, I have no concern, but I would like a little time to look at it before I simply say I agree.

MR. HINKLE: That's fine. I mean, this is obviously the first time I've handed it to him.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Let's defer the decision on admission until later, but remind me if we don't get that dealt with perhaps before Mr. Blain's testimony is over or at least later.

MR. HINKLE: Thank you. Q Mr. Blain, the division of water resources has

established a number of regulations that help define the requirements for approving application to acquire water appropriation, in particular water appropriation for aquifer storage and recovery

project. And these are the regulations you've just

describe the horizontal and vertical extent of the basin storage area in which the source water will be stored, and piece one of section B is that the horizontal extent shall be determined by a closed boundary within which the recharge system used to store water will be physically located. The recharge system may include recharge pits, recharge trenches, recharge wells or other similar systems that cause source water to enter the recharge volume of the basin storage area either by gravity flow or injection. The basin storage area may be subdivided into smaller areas representing the areas that may be recharged by the individual recharge system.

appropriate water for artificial recharge shall

sections, the city has utilized data provided by the USGS to identify the basin storage area. USGS water resources investigation reports 03-4298 titled status of groundwater levels and storage volumes in the Wichita well field area South Central Kansas 2000-2003, which is also Exhibit E. Maybe I should have said it's Exhibit E. Provides both predevelopment water levels that existed in 1940 and

To meet the requirements of that, those

the historic low water levels which occurred in

24 25 October of 1992. The city has also identified in

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described as having been developed through the data you obtained in the monitoring of the demonstration

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Can you discuss how the city of Wichita has complied with all the requirements and intents of the rules and regulations of the Division of Water Resources?

A Yes. If I can, what I'd like to do is maybe go through the regulations and read excerpts of them and then kind of say how we've complied with those excerpts, if that's okay with Mr. Pope.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: (Nodded head up and down.)

A Actually most of these fall under K.A.R. 5-12-1 which deal specifically with aquifer recovery permitting. Issue A says: An operator may store water in an aquifer storage and recovery system under a permit to appropriate water for artificial recharge if the water appropriated is source water. And the requirement under Article 12 in the rules and regulations adopted by the Kansas Department of Agriculture do not in any way change the requirements of Kansas Department of Health and Environment concerning underground injection wells.

Section B says: Each application for a permit to

the applications the horizontal boundaries of the

1 2 storage area. Those are delineated in the applications. The city will use recharge wells and

3 4 recharge basins to put source water back into the

5 aquifer. The city has recommended that the basin 6 storage area also be broken into smaller areas that

7 can be more closely monitored and administered.

8 We're recommending 38 smaller cells, each 9 approximately four square miles in size to help

10 administer the project grid. That methodology and

11 that size was determined with the aid of the

12 Groundwater Management District and also the Kansa 13 Geological Survey as an accounting methodology that

14 they have confidence in. We've chosen and

15 recommended the January 1993 water levels to be used

16 to establish the bottom of the basin storage areas,

17 which are actually slightly higher than the

18 October 1992 levels which are the historic low 19

levels. Section 2 of that portion goes on to state:

20 The vertical extent shall be defined by a minimum

21 and maximum index water levels for the basin storage

22 area, or for each subdivided area within the basin

23 storage area if the basin storage area is

24 subdivided. The minimum index water level shall be

25 the lowest water level within the basin storage

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area, or smaller subdivided area, if so subdivided, that occurred within the 10 years before the filing of the application for a permit to appropriate water, or a period of time longer than 10 years demonstrated by the applicant to reflect the lowest water levels. If the basin storage area is subdivided, the measurements from the same year shall be used to determine the minimum index water level for each subdivision.

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The city believes the USGS data is more than adequate to establish the historic low water levels. The city has provided maps and tables that depict the minimum water levels for each of the cells in the project area as part of the applications. And you'll also hear some more details about that later within the discussion on the model. But we believe that description does fit the requirements of defining the minimum levels.

The regulations go on to state that the maximum index water level shall represent the maximum storage potential for the basin storage area. The city is willing to accept the measured water levels in 1940, which were obtained prior to significant groundwater development in the area as the maximum storage potential in the basin storage

1 increased by over 20 feet in this area since 1992.

2 And the only reason, really, that has increased is

because of the reduction of water use from the city

4 from what is -- okay, this is -- again, you can see

5 this is the 20-foot area, all this area, the lighter

6 blue is also increasing water levels. What this

7 indicates, though, is that the water levels in this

8 aguifer can be restored simply by reducing

9 consumption from the aquifer. There does not need

10 to be a recharge project, and I think it also

11 prove -- obviously shows that if you reduce 12 consumption to match the complete state of yield in

13 the area that water levels could return by

14 themselves to the 1940 levels, so therefore

15 restoring the project to those historic levels is a

16 restoration, not an unreasonable rise of the water

1.7 table. And this demonstrates that the -- and the

18 only reason that that will be considered an

19 unreasonable raising of the water table is if the

20 division is willing to declare that dewatering the

21 aquifer is a desirable condition, because that's

22 essentially what -- if you're going lower than 1940, 23

you're saying you want to be kept at a dewatering

24 condition.

25 Q Mr. Blain, can you describe what perched water is

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area. However, it should be noted that 1930s was a period of excessive drought and that the water levels in 1940 were probably lower than the actual maximum storage capacity of the aquifer, because the aquifer wouldn't have had time to fully recover from what could be considered one of the most cataclysmic droughts in the nation's history.

Issue number five of the hearing orders asks that the recommendations of the GMD are adequate to assure that the project will not damage the landowners in the project area from unreasonable raising of the water table.

The maximum elevation selected for this project clearly demonstrate that the project will not unreasonably raise water tables -- water levels but will merely be restoring historic water levels and not raising water levels to levels that did not occur naturally. There are -- these are the same elevations that would be obtained if water consumption from the area were reduced. An example of that occurs -- is shown in figure 23, Exhibit E, and unfortunately it's a little harder to see this map, but this is from the USGS. What's important here is the blue colors you see here are changes in water levels that show that water levels have

1 and how perched water in this area would be affected 2 by this project.

3 A Yes, I can, if I use the next exhibit here. Perched 4 water is actually still formed by surface water just 5 like the water that recharges the rest of the equus 6 beds is, but generally what happens is the water is 7 trapped between the soil and the shallow impermeable 8 layer, usually clay, located below the soil. And

9 where there's perched water in the equus beds, 10 there's actually usually two water tables. In index

11 well two, and I'm afraid this is not going to show 12

up as well as I want it to because of the size. We 13 have a shallow and a deep well at that index well.

14 The shallow well is screened in this portion of the

15 aquifer, the deep well is screened in this portion

16 of the aquifer. And what we've got there in the 17 shallow well, the water table is here, approximately

18 nine feet below ground level. In the deep well, the

19 ground level is here, approximately 35 feet -- and

20 that's on the same exhibit here. I don't know if

21 you can see these, but this is where the groundwater

22 level is in the shallow well which is screened here,

23 this is the groundwater level in the deep well. 24 This well over here is a recharge/recovery well,

25 test well we drilled -- and, again, this -- the test

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well was screened down here. Here's the water level here. You can see it matches the water level at the index well.

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What is happening is there's an intermittent clay layer through here, which you can see in the geologic information, and it perches that water up there. We are going to be recharging the deeper portion of the aquifer. We'll be charging down here. We're wanting to raise this water level, and it actually can go up 20 feet to match where it was in 1940, predevelopment level. So by recharging this level here, we are not affecting this level here because they are completely separate at some locations in equus beds. It does not occur universally, but in some of the area near where these recharge sites are located, perched water does occur, and I'm sure the -- even the residents out there have observed that when the irrigation wells are on, the perched water levels don't change. That's an indication that the water that's being pumped in the irrigation wells is not dewatering that level, because if it was, there would not be the perched conditions that are out there.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Blain, I want to interrupt for a second. I don't believe it was

- 1 permit to appropriate water for artificial recharge
- 2 shall set forth the maximum annual quantity and
 - maximum rate of diversion of the source water. The
- 4 city in its applications requested 1,500 acre feet
- of water with a maximum withdrawal rate of 1,200 to
- 6 1,500 gallon per minute for each of the seven
- 7 diversion wells. This would provide up to 10,500
- 8 acre feet of water for recharge during very wet
- 9 years. The MOU subsequently agreed to by the city
- and the GMD in the test with staff recommendations
- has recommended that the maximum withdrawal rate of
- 12 1,000 gallons per minute per well, so those
- 13 quantities identified in Section C are included in
- 14 the applications.
- 15 Q And now regulation 5-12-1, Subsection D, 1 and 2.
- 16. A That section states that each application for a
- 17 permit to appropriate water for artificial recharge
- 18 shall include a methodology for accounting for water
- stored in a basin storage area both on an annual
- 20 basis and on a cumulative basis so that recharge
- 21 credits can be calculated. And it also states that
- 22 if there's more than one application the same
- 23 methodology has to be used for both -- all systems.
- 24 The accounting of the water balance of all water
- 25 entering and leaving the basin storage area shall be

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stated for the record which exhibit you're referring to here, and also if you could in your testimony distinguish between city exhibits and DWR exhibits, because they're both using letter systems.

A Okay. I do not know the exhibit on there -- you have an exhibit number on this one?

MR. HINKLE: Okay. Mr. Pope, we've currently been looking at City Exhibit -- city of Wichita Exhibit EE, as in Edward Edward.

- A As the irrigators have pumped out of that deeper aquifer, the perched water table where it exists in that neighborhood is not affected because the water does not obviously get down to this level because of the intervening clay layer. It does not occur universally but does happen in some cases, and that's also why some of the recharge basins that we're looking at, if we think we've got an intervening clay layer we'll be putting in what we're terming passive wells that will allow our water to go down to the deeper aquifer and not get perched on the intervening clay layers if that
- appears to be the case at a recharge basin.
 Q Mr. Blain, would you give your attention to
- regulations 5-12-1, Subsection C.
- 25 A Yes. That section states that an application for a

determined by using sound engineering methods based on actual measurements or generally accepted engineering methodology or a combination of both.

And section two goes on to say that approval of any application for a permit to appropriate water for artificial recharge shall be contingent upon the chief engineer's approval of the method for accounting in the basin storage area.

The city offers to use a computer model that

utilizes the MODFLOW model originally constructed and created by the U.S. Geological Survey to account for the water balance in the basin storage area. The computer model represents the best engineering methodology currently available to account for the water balance in the basin storage area. You'll

- hear more extensive testimony on the model later.
 Q And, Mr. Blain, from whom will that testimony come?
- 18 A Dave Stous shall be providing more information on
- 19 the actual model.
- 20 Q Okay.
- 21 A To assist in the assuring that the validity of the
- 22 information generated in the model, the city has
- 23 already installed an index well network, and you
- 24 heard a little bit about that from Jeff Klein. It
- 25 was designed with the assistance from Groundwater

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1 Management District and KGS. The data stream that of Section 23, and the southwest corner of Section

will be collected from that monitoring well network

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will allow the model to accurately identify the

4 water balance in the entire basin storage area as

5 well as in each of the 38 smaller cells. The model

6 can track -- can identify and track all the elements

7 needed to track the water balance within each cell,

and the model represents again the most sound

9 engineering methodology currently available and is a 10

generally accepted engineering methodology.

11 Q Could you now address K.A.R. regulation 5-12-1,

12 Subsection E.

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A Yes. That section states that an applicant for. recovery of water stored in a -- by the holder of a permit to appropriate water for artificial recharge to store water in a basin storage area shall obtain 17 a permit separate from the aquifer storage permit to appropriate water for beneficial use for each well used to recover water stored. The maximum annual quantity of water that may be appropriated for this purpose shall be no more than the maximum cumulative recharge credits available to the operator of the

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23 aquifer storage and recovery system. These credits 24

shall be determined by the accounting methodology

25 approved under a permit to appropriate water for

2 24, all in section -- Township 23 south, Range 3 3 west. The city will also install a recharge well in 4 the northwest corner of Section 36, Township 23, 5 Range 3 west, and recharge basins in the northwest 6 corners of Section 2 and Section 11 of that 7 township. The wells will be used to recharge the 8 aquifer, will probably not be used to recover water 9 stored except for maintenance purposes and other 10 dire emergencies because of their value in forming 11 the hydraulic barrier to the chloride contamination.

So while we will have permits, and we need to have those permits in order to identify creation of an aquifer storage and recovery system, the city's best interest is served by not using that water except when absolutely necessary and for maintenance purposes.

18 Q And, Mr. Blain, by maintenance purposes you mean for 19 the particular wells involved?

20 A That's correct. Each well, because they are 21 recharge wells, there's a certain amount of water

22 that needs to be pumped from the wells to, if you

23 will, backwash the well, to keep the recharge

24 capacity of that well up. Item number three of this

25 section says we've complied with that by stating the

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recharge pertaining to the aquifer storage and recovery system. In determining whether the diversion of an annual quantity impairs other water rights, the following data may be considered by the chief engineer: One, the maximum storage volume available in the basin storage area; two, the spatial distribution of those recharge and withdrawal systems; three, the maximum rate of diversion at which water will be withdrawn; and,

And it goes on to say that recharge credits can be accumulated over more than one year, and any amount of recharge credits available may be withdrawn in accordance with the permit if the withdrawal does not impair other water rights.

four, any other relevant information.

The city believes that the recharge/recovery well applications fully comply with this component of regulations. As to the specific items in this section: Number one, the city has identified the basin storage capacity of the entire basin storage area, and the storage capacity of each cell in the project area; and, two, the city has identified the location of all the recharge facilities. The recharge/recovery wells will be installed in the southwest corner of Section 12, the northwest corner maximum withdrawal from the wells will be 1,500 gallons per minute. I also want to state the city's applications also allow water to be pumped from the wells only when there are recharge credits available

5 and water levels are above the minimum water levels 6 identified for the individual cells. Therefore, the

7 operation of these wells cannot impair other water 8 uses because the aquifer will have to be higher than

9 the base elevation before they can even be operated.

10 Q And if I understand correctly, that's determined on 11 a cell by cell basis.

12 A That is correct.

13 Q Okay. Would you now address regulation 5-12-1, 14 Section F, and can we go a little slower? If I were 15 the reporter, my fingers would be cramping.

16 A My apologies. Section F states that the approval of 17 application, if water is to be diverted is water 18 artificially recharged into the basin storage area,

19 shall be conditioned upon the following: Number 20

one: Generally accepted engineering methodology; 21 number two, a maximum annual quantity that does no

22 exceed the recharge credits; and, three, an annual

23 reporting that complies with K.A.R. 5-12-2. As 24 previously mentioned, the city will utilize a

computer model to address the items in this section. 25

- You'll hear more specifics about how that model
 works from Dave Stous, but it does represent, again,
 the sound engineering methods based on actual
 measurements and generally accepted engineering
 methodology.
- Q Now, Mr. Blain, there are certain definitions that
 are included in these regulations, and in the that pertain to this particular project. They're
 found at regulation 5-1-1. Would you please address
 those.

11 A Okay. Some of the pertinent definitions. Item A
12 is -- defines above base flow stage. It means
13 stream flow that is in response to a significant
14 runoff event during which period the water level
15 elevation of the stream is greater than the
16 elevation of the adjacent water table.

The city proposes to operate the diversion wells only when stream flow, as recorded downstream at the USGS stream gage at Highway 50, exceed 20 cubic feet per second from October through March, and 42 cubic feet per second from April through September. Those figures represent the flow rates that occurred 90 percent of the time and also allow for all downstream water rights to be met. The GMD regulations state that base flow is the flow that is

1 potential to increase arsenic levels in the area 2 because of high arsenic levels in the diversion 3 wells. This next map, if you can give that to me, 4 Don -- and we do not have an exhibit number on this 5 because this map is slightly over 24 hours old, so 6 this is for demonstrative purposes only. This is a 7 map created by USGS data. It is an arsenic 8 concentration map. Again, here you can see this is 9 the recharge first six sites that we're doing. The 10 wells we have are here along the river. Everything 11 in white up here, arsenic is below five parts per 12 billion. The blue color here, it's between five and 13 10. This next shade here, that's called violet for 14 now, is above 10 parts per billion, and the darker 15 colors here are above 15 parts per billion. You can 16 see here these three sites, we will be putting --17 recharging into an area that is less than five parts 18 per billion. This site will be going into 5 to 10, 19 this site in over 10 and this site over 15 parts per 20 billion. So even if we're looking at this defining 21 the ambient quality in this area, the other dots you 22 see here are the projected recharge sites for the

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met or exceeded 90 percent of the time.

It is also a component of issue number six for this hearing. The use of the USGS gage will assure that the diversion wells will only be operated when the pre-established flow requirements are met. During the demonstration project the city established a link between that USGS gage and the operational computer that locked out the diversion well if there was not an adequate flow available at the gage. A similar link will be established for this project.

12 Q The next definition?

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A Next definition is item B, which describes acceptable quality surface water means surface water that will not degrade the quality of the groundwater source into which it is discharged.

The city is committed in the MOU the quality of the water used to recharge the aquifer will meet all drinking water regulations and will not degrade the ambient use of water in this basin storage area. But you also have to note the do nothing alternative, which will allow salt water plumes to continue to migrate into the area and render the water unusable as a drinking water supply.

Of concern to many people has also been the.

will happen, even with the initial -- this stage,

again, we're recharging up here. Other stages we
 may be taking water someplace along here and feeding

full-scale project. As you can see, arsenic is a

significant issue through almost all of Harvey

County. This is the county line here. Now, what

4 it -- the bank storage water will be recharged here.

All of the southern sites, and maybe much of the middle, too, will also be recharged using surface

6 middle, too, will also be recharged using surface 7 water where the arsenic will not be an issue with

8 that. But I thought this was an excellent

9 opportunity to show that arsenic is a significant

existing issue in the areas. Now we're taking arsenic here and moving it to where there is no

12 arsenic. Arsenic does exist through -- in

significant concentrations through much of theproject area.

15 Q Mr. Pope, if I could add, for the record, that the exhibit we've been looking at is not entirely new.

It is Exhibit -- City Exhibit BB, as in boy boy, in

the record. The additions for the purpose of thishearing is simply a coloration of the various

gradients so that it is easier to see in this type

of setting, but the information itself is available on BB.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: All right. So that the actual data and the information itself is the same as in BB.

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1 MR. HINKLE: That's correct. 2 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Except for the --3 basically the coloring. 4

MR. HINKLE: That's correct.

- 5 A Well, and also BB does not have the location of the 6 city facility -- recharge facilities on it.
- 7 Q So those are superimposed from other exhibits --
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 O -- in the record that are available.
- 10 A Right.

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HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Hinkle, did you intend not to then -- I understand we had some prehearing procedures in terms of submittal of proposed exhibits, but are you not -- you're not proposing to then offer the -- any supplemental documentation in regard to this one?

MR. HINKLE: If I understand, that Mr. Adrian is seeing this for the first time. If you're willing to accept it and if he has no objection, the city would certainly offer this to be included in the exhibits.

MR. ADRIAN: I received this yesterday. Is this the same one you sent me yesterday?

MR. HINKLE: This would be the same one that was included in Mr. Blain's Power Point that I

1 language out of the MOU, isn't it?

2 A That's correct.

- 3 Q Do you know of any ambient use of water in the basin 4 storage area that demands quality higher than
- 5 primary dinking water standards?
- 6 A No, that that is the highest, greatest definition of 7 water is drinking water quality.
- 8 Q You were looking at the -- you were giving an
- 9 illustration of how the city's application and the
- 10 demonstration project accounts for the definitions
- 11 that are found K.A.R. 5-1-1. The next one I want
- 12 you to address is 5-1-1(i), bank storage.
- 13 A The bank storage definition says that bank storage means water absorbed by and temporarily stored in 14
- 15 the banks and bed of a stream during an above base
- 16 flow stage. The city has invested a significant
- 17 amount of resources to document the occurrence of
- 18 bank storage events along the Little Arkansas River.
- 19 The city's application for the diversion wells are
- 20 intended solely to capture bank storage water, and
- 21 the city believes the monitoring program recommended
- 22 by the GMD will be adequate to determine if
- 23 diversion wells are capturing bank storage water.
- 24 The hydrograph I previously displayed depicted the
- 25 impact of bank storage and how a diversion well can

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sent you by e-mail, yes.

MR. ADRIAN: Okay. Well, I have no objection to its being admitted.

MR. HINKLE: That would make it City Exhibit NN, is that correct?

MR. LANG: (Nodded head up and down.) HEARING OFFICER POPE: NN?

MR. HINKLE: NN as in Nathan Nathan. I had to get my son's name in here somehow.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I don't have any strong feelings about this. It sounds to me like it's more illustrative but for purposes of showing it together with the various facilities, if it is useful to the parties, I think it might be helpful to go ahead and mark this and have a copy introduced. It does not appear that there's objection to that. So if that's the case, why, it will be admitted as City Exhibit NN, and if you'll provide an appropriate copy for the record.

MR. HINKLE: Yes, certainly. Thank you. Q Mr. Blain, you said that what we're dealing with here is the issue of commitment to recharge the aquifer with water that meets all drinking water regulations and will not degrade the ambient use of water in the basin storage area. This is the

1 capture water without negative impacts on the 2 aquifer.

3 Q Mr. Blain, there's an additional regulation that 4 provides more information on performance of a bank 5 storage well. That is K.A.R. 5-22-17. Could you 6 please address that regulation.

7 A Yes. That definition states that -- and this --8 that definition is very much quantitatively 9 identified in the operation of bank storage wells.

10 Is says: Each application for one or more bank

11 storage wells shall demonstrate all of the

12 following: One, the hydraulic connection from the 13 stream bed and banks to each bank storage well

14 screen is sufficient to transmit bank storage water

15 from the bed and banks of the stream to each bank

16 storage well screen at a rate sufficient to sustain 17 the authorized rate of diversion of the well or

18 wells; and with -- number two, within seven days

19 after pumping of the bank storage well has ceased,

20 the water levels of each bank storage well or a

21 monitoring well adjacent located within 100 feet of

22 that bank storage well will recover to an elevation

23 equal to or greater than the water level elevation 24 immediately before the bank storage well began to

25 pump, adjusted for any regional groundwater leve

changes not caused by pumping the bank storage well; and, number three, the naturally occurring and artificially induced rate of infiltration from the bed and banks of the stream when bank storage is occurring will be sufficient to meet the following conditions: A, equal to or exceed the authorized rate of diversion of all the bank storage wells; B, prevent impairment caused by all bank storage wells; and, C, prevent groundwater mining caused by all bank storage wells.

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Also states that if an application for a bank storage well is approved by the chief engineer the applicant shall install one or more water level measurement tubes at locations that will allow adequate monitoring of groundwater quality and groundwater levels within the area where the annual cone of depression of the bank storage well or wells could be greater than 0.5 feet. Each water level measurement tube shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with K.A.R. 5-6-13.

In addition to that descriptions, I might point out that there's also a description in the MOU with the Groundwater Management District that requires that the cone of depression from a bank storage well will not exceed 10 feet at a 660 feet

- 1 the first year we're required to turn in quarterly 2 reports -- monthly reports, then quarterly reports, 3 then annual reports. There will be an extensive 4 monitoring and analysis and review of every one 5 of -- the operation of every one of these wells to 6 make sure they comply with all of the measurable 7 components in that definition -- in that regulation.
 - 8 Q Mr. Blain, is it correct that these wells can't be 9 measured or monitored until drilled?
- 10 A That is correct.

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- 11 Q And they can't be drilled until we get a permit.
- A All you can do is make assumptions, but you cannot 13 assure that the well will capture as much water as 14 the river gives it until you've pumped it under
- 15 those kinds of conditions where water is available.
- 16 Q And you're waiting for approval for that process.
- 17 A That is correct.
- 18 O The next regulation dealt with is safe -- the
- 19 definition of safe yield.
- 20 A Safe yield definition means that the long-term,
- 21 sustainable yield of the source of supply, including
- 22 hydrologically connected surface water or
- 23 groundwater. K.A.R. 5-3-10 says availability of
- 24 water for water appropriation, safe yield. Except
- 25 as set forth in Subsection B of K.A.R. 5-3-16 and

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from the well on either side of the river.

All of the items addressed establish measurable performance standards for a bank storage well. Through the installation of a monitoring network that is being proposed, and reports on the data collected from that network, it's possible to get a very firm grasp on the operation of the diversion wells to assure they comply with the parameters identified in the regulations and they consequently do not prejudicially or unreasonably affect public interest, which is the topic of issue number four in the hearing order.

The city at this point in time cannot assure that all the wells requested in these applications will meet all parameters specified for bank storage wells because that can only be determined from the field pump tests. However, it can assure that if the proposed monitoring well network is installed, that the city and all other regulatory entities will be able to measure, control and administer the wells so that they do comply with all of the established parameters.

The monitoring network is the key component to making sure this works. We're not asking for a leap of faith. The MOU, the staff conditions, I believe

K.A.R. 5-3-17, the approval of any new application to appropriate groundwater or surface water for beneficial use except for domestic use, temporary use and term permits for five years or less, shall not cause the safe yield of the source of water supply to be exceeded, neither shall it otherwise prejudicially and unreasonably affect public

As stated previously, the city has invested significantly to document the occurrence of bank storage and to assure that the operation of the diversion wells will be done in a way that does not impact the amount of groundwater available to other users. The previously displayed hydrograph also demonstrates the effectiveness of a well-designed monitoring well system. In the hydrograph the monitoring wells showed that there was good connection between the pumping well and the surface water, and that the pumping well was not impacting groundwater levels. If there is not a good connection between the river and the well, the monitoring well network will not display the variations in groundwater levels and river stages and it would indicate that the groundwater levels declined after the well was pumped.

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İ The city believes that the monitoring well 2 network and the recommended operating parameters can 3 assure that the diversion wells will be operated in 4 a manner that complies with the safe yield 5 regulations.

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A That definition states that source water means water used for artificial recharge that meets the following conditions: One, is available for appropriation for beneficial use; two, is above base flow stage in the stream; and, three, it's not needed to satisfy minimum desirable stream flow requirements and downstream users. The city's applications, when administered with the recommended conditions, will assure the diversion wells will fully meet the above description of source water.

Items two and three of this definition also show the interrelationship of issues four and six established for this hearing. Issue four addresses concerns that the vertical wells only utilize bank storage, while issue six states concerns that the diversion wells don't impede downstream water users. Downstream water users can only be affected if there is a connection between the river and the diversion wells. If the connection between the river and the

Q That would be --

A Division of Water Resources Exhibit T. Predicts that water levels in the Little Arkansas River at Valley Center will improve under almost all conditions when the full-scale projects are completed.

The maroon line, if you will, if you can pick

that out, is the 100 million gallon a day system, the blue one is the larger system, and the wider colored lines are the current and the no action alternative. As you can see, under almost all conditions the no action alternative keeps -- stayed worse than the current condition, because if we don't recharge the aquifer, then the aquifer will continue to decline over time. But what is also important to see is almost every month, except for May and June, water levels after the project is in place, are higher than either of the current or the

19 do nothing alternatives. The only months that are 20 less is the high flow months of April and May when

21 we'll be taking that water -- some of that water and 22 putting it back into the aquifer. That's the

23 primary recharge time, but as you can see, those are

24 also -- when we're done the median flow still 25 exceeds 80 CFS. That's what the computer modeling

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Page 147 1 wells is established, then there has to be attention 2 given to the -- establishing the downstream flows 3 and maintaining those. When each well is drilled, 4 the monitoring well network will be used to 5 establish if that -- the connection exists between 6 the river and the well. The monitoring network and 7 the stream flow gage will then be used to assure 8 that the operation of the well does not take more 9 water than the river can supply the aquifer and that 10 the flows in the river are maintained and 11 groundwater levels are maintained. The 12 recommendation from the GMD establish the base flow 13 requirements of the river and also the additional 14 flows that must be present to meet existing surface 15 water rights. If those flows are maintained, then 16 the concerns addressed in issue six are addressed. 17 However, it's also important to look at the impact 18 of the entire project on flows on the river and not 19 just phase one. Because the aquifer discharges into 20 the Little Arkansas River, if groundwater levels are

restored, flows in the river will improve, even as

we're taking water out of the river, to recharge the

aquifer. This next figure, which is figure 4-3 from

the environmental impact statement, which is Exhibit

1 indicates. And, again, what that demonstrates is 2 that the full scale project, rather than impairing 3 downstream water users, will improve water available 4 to downstream users, and that we can -- with proper. 5 monitoring, will assure that we don't take more 6 water than we're supposed to when the flow events 7. aren't available. The controlling of the 8 interaction of the river flows and the groundwater 9 elevations will be a balancing act, but one that can 10 be accomplished with the use of the monitoring and 11 reporting tools that are provided in the 12 applications and GMD's recommendations. 13 Q And what's the relationship between the definition 14 of source water and any potential degradation of the 15 ambient groundwater quality of the basin storage 16 area?

17 A Item four of the source water definition states that 18 the sources will not degrade the ambient groundwater quality in the basin storage area. Because of the

19 20 index well network we've already established and the 21 water quality information gathered from that --

22 those index wells and the test wells at the

23 diversion sites, the city is able to provide a good 24 profile of the existing water quality.

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testimony on water quality from Andy Ziegler with the USGS, but at this point I want to assure you that the city will not recharge any water that does not meet drinking water standards established by EPA and no users will have to treat their water to meet those standards because of this project.

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I can also state that the recharge of the aguifer with water obtained from the diversion wells will be a dramatic improvement from the water quality that will occur if nothing is done to address the chloride contamination plumes. Q One of the earlier regulations you've addressed

- referenced 5-12-2. That's the aquifer storage and recovery accounting. Could you address how the city's demonstration project and now its application will meet the requirements of that regulation.
- 16 17 A Yes. 5-12-2 states that aquifer storage and recovery accounting, part A: In addition to the 18 19 annual water use reporting requirements pursuant to 20 K.S.A. 82a-732 and amendments thereto, on June 1st 21 of each year permit holder of an aquifer storage or 22 recovery system shall report an accounting of water 23 in the basin storage area to the chief engineer and 24 to any groundwater management district identified in

Subsection C of this regulation. The annual report

located in each cell.

2 The annual accounting shall specifically take into account the amounts of natural recharge, 4 artificial recharge, groundwater inflow, groundwater outflow, evapotranspiration and groundwater pumpage. Groundwater pumpage shall include recharge credits withdrawn as well as pumpage from all nondomestic wells in the basin storage area. The annual accounting shall include any additional items within 10 the basin storage area that would be necessary to determine the amount of recharge credit available 12 for recovery. 13

You'll hear more about the specifics of the model that is recommended to assist in the performing of the necessary accounting for this project from Dave Stous, but, again, I want to reiterate that that model does comply with every component identified in this regulation.

- Q Mr. Blain, will you discuss issue number seven identified by the chief engineer which questions if the proposed project will impair water rights senior
- 22 to the date these applications were filed and if the 23 project will adversely affect the public interest.
- 24 Within the definition of basin storage area that the 25 city has identified, the portion of the aquifer that

was -- we've identified within the basis for our

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1 of the preceding calendar year shall be -- shall 2 account for all water entering and leaving the basin 3 storage area and shall specifically compute the 4 amount of recharge credits held in basin storage 5 area. It goes on to identify A -- or part B, that 6 the report shall be in a form prescribed by the 7 chief engineer and shall address items in the water 8 balance of the basin storage area, which may include 9 the following amounts: Number one, natural and 10 artificial recharge. And I'll insert that the model 11 we're going to use does account for that. Number 12 two, groundwater inflow and outflow. Our model 13 accounts for that. Number three, evaporation and 14 transpiration. Our model accounts for that. Number 15 four, groundwater diversion from all nondomestic 16 wells. We will be gathering that information from 17 the GMD and other sources, so that is included in 18 the accounting system. Infiltration from streams. 19 That is a component of the model. Number six, 20 groundwater discharge to streams. That's a 21 component of our model. Number seven, calculated 22 recharge credits and other information that the --23 in the opinion of the chief engineer are pertinent 24 to the basin. And the model will provide calculated 25 recharge credits for each of the recharge wells

hearing the portion of the aquifer we're going to store water. By that definition, the city cannot use water if water levels are below the levels reached in January of 1993. If there were no impairments claimed at that time, then using only that portion of the aquifer above that level would assure that no senior water rights are impaired, because the project would seek to keep water levels above the 1993 level. Rather than being impaired, senior water rights will be enhanced because water levels would be higher than what they would if the project was not done. Rather than the 1993 levels, if the city had not already taken steps to use water from Cheney Reservoir, the water levels would have gone below the 1993 level if the city had not changed its water use pattern. Conversely, if this project is not done and no artificial means of recharging the aquifer is implemented, then water levels will continue to decline again causing

impairment. That impairment, whether from water

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1 to protect the water -- the existing -- more senior 2 water rights. Therefore, rather than adversely 3 affecting public interest this project is very 4 beneficial to the public interest. 5 Q The issued number eight on the pretrial --6 prehearing order addresses whether changes the city 7 has requested -- addresses certain changes that the 8 city has requested for its applications. How have 9 the concerns included in that issue been addressed? 10 A The GMD has reviewed each of the changes and the new 11 application. They've made recommendations to the 12 chief engineer which were distributed this morning 13 that include monitoring and operating conditions 14 that will assure that these changes do not 15 unreasonably affect the public interest. As with 16 the other applications, it is appropriate to have 17 concerns identified in issue number eight, but the 18 solution to those concerns is establishing a 19 monitoring program that can scrutinize the operation 20 of the facilities, and assure that no senior water 21 rights are impaired, and that the public interest is 22 not affected. The MOU and the controls included in 23 the staff recommendations are the appropriate tools 24 to assure that the facilities do not have negative 25 impacts. As with other components of the project,

	in the process of implementing the recommendations			
	of the plan. The hydrobiological monitoring plan			
will help assure that any negative impacts are				
	discovered and that appropriate modifications are			
made to the to the local water supply plan to				
	assure that it remains in the public interest.			
	MR. HINKLE: Thank you, Mr. Blain, No.			

further questions. HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Thank you

very much. I see that it's about 12:15 or 20. Mr. Adrian, I assume you would have some questions for the witness, and I'm wondering whether we should hold those until after lunch.

MR. ADRIAN: That will be fine.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I think perhaps maybe that might be the most practical thing. It's, like I say, about 12:20. Let's recess, and is an hour sufficient for lunch, or is more time needed than that? I'm not sure of the local conditions or if there's other things that people need to do and make preparation. Want to reconvene at 1:30?

MR. ADRIAN: That would be fine. HEARING OFFICER POPE: We'll reconvene until 1:30. We'll stand recessed until that time. Thank you very much.

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       if operated as specified, these changes will have
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       positive impacts on senior water rights and will not
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       have negative impacts on public interest.
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     Q What other steps has the city taken to assure that
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       this project will not prejudicially and unreasonably
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     A I previously mentioned the city did an environmental
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       impact statement, which was DWR Exhibit T. That's
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       EIS, and it demonstrated that there were no negative
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       impacts anticipated by the completion of the city's
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       importantly, it found that doing nothing on the
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       project had far more disastrous impacts on the
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       public good. The EIS also recommended that the city
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       prepare and implement a hydrobiological monitoring .
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       local water supply plan. That hydrobiological
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       monitoring plan has been completed, and the city is
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1 (There was a recess from 12:19 p.m. 2 to 1:41 p.m.) 3 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Hearing is back in 4 order. I will now turn to Mr. Adrian for 5 cross-examination of the witness. 6 **CROSS-EXAMINATION** 7 BY MR. ADRIAN:

8 Q Thank you. I was going to try to refer to you as

9 Mr. Blain. It doesn't come naturally to me, Jerry. 10 I've asked you to put up on the screen what you have

11 identified or has been identified as City's Exhibit 12 NN, which I think is an arsenic -- what I would

13 describe an arsenic contour map, something similar 14 to that, and at the top of that map I think as you

15 correctly pointed out or as you pointed out is a

16 white area, and what does that signify? 17

A The area that does not have -- that little pocket up 18 there would be sites where we had measured arsenic 19 or arsenic had been measured in the zero to five

20 parts per billion.

21 Q So that is the lowest arsenic level really within 22 that -- the area that map covers.

23 A Correct.

24 Q And there are two -- at least two recharge wells in 25 that area, aren't there?

- 1 A Correct.
- 2 Q In anticipating questions that might be conjured up
- 3 by the public and otherwise, I would say if you're
- 4 putting water -- gathering water from areas let's
- 5 say within the red that have a high arsenic level or
- 6 higher than is in the white area, and injecting it
- 7 in the white area, aren't you lowering the quality
- 8 of that water?
- 9 A What is -- we will -- are doing and what we will --
- 10 required to do is make sure that that water all
- 11 meets the drinking water standard. Now, whether
- 12 there is really any difference once you reload the
- 13 drinking water standard, how far below the drinking
- 14 water standard you are is a pretty irrelevant
- 15 question. What is relevant is whether or not it
- 16 does -- is below the standard, and whether we're
- 17 speaking of arsenic or any of the other 200 plus
- 18 constituents that could be in water that are
- 19 controlled to the drinking water standards act.
- 20 Q So when you say there are 200 other constituents,
- 21 that it's a -- quality is a composite of all of
- 22 those I assume is what you're saying.
- 23 A Well, not exactly, because there are 200 plus
- 24 constituents, but each constituent has its own
- 25 standard. Generally speaking, when they set the

- 1 recharging where the water standards didn't meet 2
 - ambient use for drinking water, you know, that would
- 3 be a worse standard. And there are some areas of
- 4 the equus beds where the water really isn't at all
- 5 drinkable water quality, so the ambient use of that
- 6 area might not be drinking water, it might be
- 7 cooling water, it might be mineralization control
- 8 or, you know, things like that. So the ambient use,
- 9 you still go with what the highest ambient use is.
- 10 In this case, the ambient use in this area of our
- 11 recharge is drinking water.
- 12 Q On another subject, when you began your testimony
- 13 and you were talking about the demonstration project
- 14 near Halstead, and the phraseology you used caught
- 15 my eye -- caught my ear was that you were
- 16 withdrawing water that was replaced by -- you were
- 17 withdrawing aquifer water replaced by bank storage
- 18 water. Is that going to be characteristic of the
- 19 · project in general? In other words, is it -- are
 - you actually withdrawing bank storage water or are
- 21 you withdrawing aquifer water that's replaced by
- 22 bank storage water?
- 23 A Well, within the definition I've described, that's
- the regulations 5-22, I think it is, it defines the 24
- 25 bank storage, and when you're pumping water out of a

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- 1 drinking water standard, it's based on a risk of
- 2 approximately one in 10,000 after 70 years of usage.
- 3 Bear in mind, I think your chance of being hit by
- 4 lightning is like one in 9,000, so -- but each
- 5 constituent has that rating, so if you have a glass
- 6 with 70 constituents, each constituent in that glass
- 7 is rated to a one in 10,000 risk, not the 70 in
- 8 aggregate as one in 10,000.
- 9 Q Well, then, if you look at the commitment that was 10 made under the memorandum of understanding under
- 11 issue eight where -- and I recited this earlier,
- 12 where you agree not to inject water that is of
- 13 lesser quality, I'm paraphrasing, than drinking
- 14 water standards and will not degrade the ambient use
- 15 of the water in the basin storage area, is -- have
- 16 you agreed to something you can't do there?
- 17 A No, not by any means. The ambient use within this
- 18 area, if you go -- and I don't have the chloride
- 19 contamination plume up there, for instance. The use
- 20 of that water two miles to the east is not for
- 21 drinking water quality. So the ambient use in that
- 22 area is not drinking water. The ambient use, at
- 23 least in the area we're doing it, the highest best
- 24 ambient use is drinking water quality water. And so
- 25 if we can reach that standard -- if we were

- well, it is not molecule for molecule river water,
- 2 but what you are doing is assuring that whatever
- 3 water you pumped is, if you will, restored,
- 4 replaced, replenished with a source that compensates
- 5 entirely for the amount of water that you're
- 6 pumping.
- 7 Q So it would be fair to say there's no bright line
- 8 between the two, obviously.
- 9 A No, it's not -- it's clear-cut probably when it
- 10 doesn't happen, because when it's -- when you're
 - taking more water than bank storage makes available,
- 12 then you would observe a deterioration in water
- 13 levels and see that you're not responding to the
- 14 measurable parameters that are defined.
- 15 Q The next question I would have is that talking about
- 16 the raising of the water level to -- and I believe
- 17 it was -- we're using the 1940 standard?
- 18 A Correct.
- 19 Q In other words, that will be the maximum?
- 20 (Nodded head up and down.)
- 21 Q You know, I was about to ask you whether you agree
- with Mr. Warren's conclusion in that regard, then I 22
- 23 thought, silly me, of course you agree with him,
- 24 don't you? But in regard to that not being a
- 25 problem, in other words, you don't see that as a

- problem, in raising the water level or water table.
- 2 A We do not see that as an unreasonable raising of the
- 3 water table, and I think Mr. Warren alluded to, you
- 4 know, if there are negative -- if there's actually
- 5 somebody that's negatively impacted by that that
- 6 could be addressed, but in terms of management of
- 7 the aquifer, that raising the water to this
- 8 historical levels is not a unreasonable raising.
- 9 Q You have served on the board of the district for how 10 many years?
- 11 A I think I started in '92.
- 12 Q It would be about 12 years.
- 13 A 12 years.
- 14 Q And so you were on the board when these applications
- 15 were conceived and then eventually filed?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And so you actually prepared them, probably, at
- 18 least in whole or in part yourself?
- 19 A (Nodded head up and down.)
- 20 Q So you're very familiar with the applications.
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And this -- I would assume that you're also
- 23 extremely familiar with the recommendations that the
- 24 district made to the chief engineer?
- A Familiar with them, yes.

- 1 monitoring wells and everything else, are additional
- 2 controls that we support as part of doing this
- 3 project with the Groundwater Management District.
- 4 Q And to the extent of your knowledge and authority
- 5 within the city and in regard to these applications
- 6 are you satisfied with the process that the 7 Groundwater Management District went through in
- 8 considering and recommending these applications to
- 9 the chief engineer?
- 10 A Yes. I mean, I did not participate in the --
- 11 forming the MOU, I wasn't at those meetings, but I
- 12 believe the district staff or the consultant, board
- 13 members present and staff in representing the city
- 14 of Wichita worked very hard to find places where the
- 15 controls could be instituted that would address the
- 16 major issues that were expressed by members of the
- 17 board and public.
- 18 Q . Now, and I am referring more to procedural than I am
- 19 substantive consideration, you're satisfied that the
- 20 procedure was followed?
- 21 A Yes, I believe there was -- we had a public hearing
- 22 to review the applications. The board had meetings
- 23 before and after that, so I do believe that due
- 24 diligence was followed by the board in reviewing the
- 25 applications.

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- Q Along with the recommendations and report from Carl
- 2 Nuzman, you're familiar with that?
- 3 A Yes.

- 4 Q Probably read it? And the Memorandum of
- 5 Understanding, I don't know whether you were present
- 6 when that was agreed to, but you are familiar with
- 7 that too?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And its attachment A and then the discussion or
- 10 recommendation of the board, you're familiar with
- that? 11
- 12 A Uh-huh.
- 13 Q Now, then, in effect, is it the position of the city
- 14 that you are asking approval of these applications
- 15 by the chief engineer as modified by all of those 16
 - documents?
- 17 A Yes. All the conditions and controls and
- 18 administrative requirements of the MOU and the staff
- 19 recommendations, the city is willing to go with
- 20 those. I mean, for instance, as I read here this
- 21 morning, the regulations require an annual report to
- 22 the Division of Water Resources. The MOU requires
- 23 for the first year monthly reports, the second year
- 24 quarterly reports. It's not until the third year of
- 25 operation. So those are additional conditions, the

- Q Thank you.
- 2 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 3 BY MR. HINKLE:
- 4 Q Mr. Blain, the map that's still up on the projector
- 5 is the one showing arsenic concentration, is that 6 correct?
- 7 A Correct.
- 8 Q And there are, in the area of lowest arsenic
- 9 concentration, two of the recharge wells, is that
- 10 also correct?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q And if I understand your -- the proposal accurately,
- 13 the intent is to pump water from outside that area
- 14 into that area which would have the effect of
- 15 raising, in the absolute, the arsenic level,
- 16 although still leaving it at a level below any
- 17 danger level indicated by the primary water --
- 18 drinking water standard, is that right?
- 19 A Correct.
- 20 Q Now, those two wells are there because -- the
- 21 recharge wells are proposed to be there because of
- 22 the imminence of saline or chloride contamination,
- 23 is that right?
- 24 A That's correct, too.
- Q And you've been asked if the water quality standard

- is -- comprise a whole number of contaminants, and
- 2 two of those contaminants are arsenic and chloride,
- 3 is that right?
- 4 A Correct.
- 5 Q If those recharge wells are not placed in that area
- 6 of low arsenic concentration, the low arsenic
- 7 concentration soon becomes meaningless, doesn't it?
- 8 A Yes, because it would not meet the drinking water 9 standards because of chloride contamination.
- 10 Q If you do nothing, if you don't put those wells
- there, then irrespective of the low arsenic level,
- the water comes useless because of the chloride
- 13 infiltration.
- 14 A That's correct.
- 15 MR. HINKLE: Thank you.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Rolfs, do you
- 17 have questions?
- 18 MR. ROLFS: Yes.
- 19 EXAMINATION
- 20 BY MR. ROLFS:
- 21 Q Mr. Blain, going back to your testimony about the
- 22 ownership issues of acquiring the well sites, I
- 23 haven't had a chance to review the updated part that
- you sent in, but I understand from your testimony
- 25 that you have acquired contracts with all but three

- 1 this project would impact the perched water.
- 2 Q Right. I understand.
- 3 . A And so by my assumption there may be some -- some
- 4 saturated zone there, but there's also a significant
- 5 unsaturated zone between the geologic area forming
- 6 the perched water table and the area of the aquifer
- 7 that we will be recharging into.
- 8 Q So you're saying there is an unsaturated zone that
- 9 separates the perched water table from the --
- 10 A Correct, yes.
- 11 Q Okay. That was my understanding of what a perched
- 12 water table was --
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q -- anyway, but -- and so it's your contention
- basically that by recharging into the lower zone and
- bringing the water table up, in that zone you're not
- going to be increasing the one in the upper zone,
- 18 you're going to be equalizing them, if nothing else.
- 19 A That would be --
- 20 Q Or reducing the difference.
- 21 A Reducing the difference, probably. I doubt that
- 22 they would merge, if you will.
- 23 Q Okay. But it would not produce the effect of
- raising the perched water table.
- 25 A Correct.

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- of the owners, is that correct?
- 2 A I believe there are, as of -- since lunch time, only 3 two that we don't have the actual contracts back.
- 4 Q Okay. And do you have a timetable for acquiring the
- other two, an estimated timetable for acquiring the
- 6 other two contracts?
- 7 A I would anticipate that we could come to completion
- 8 on both of those contracts within a matter of a
- couple weeks. We are in negotiations, you know, if you will, dotting the Is and crossing the Ts.
- MR. ROLFS: Okay. Thank you. I have no further questions.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Bagley.
- 14 EXAMINATION
- 15 BY MR. BAGLEY:
- 16 Q I just had one question, and it related to I believe
- the exhibit you still have on the -- on the easle up
- here, talking about perched water table. Is the
- definition of perched water table you're using
- simply that the water level in the upper aquifer is
- 21 at a higher level than it is in the lower aquifer,
- 22 or is there an unsaturated zone that exists between
- 23 the two?
- 24 A For the purposes I was talking about perched water
- 25 was relative to whether or not the activities of

- MR. BAGLEY: Okay. That's it.
- EXAMINATION
- 3 BY HEARING OFFICER POPE:
- 4 Q Mr. Blain, I only have a couple of questions here.
- 5 Is it my understanding, based on your testimony,
- 6 that all of the data collection measurement sites
- 7 for water levels and quality, I guess, that are set
- 8 forth in the -- in the proposal, which I take it to
- 9 include those in the GMD recommendation and MOU, 10 that the city is fully committed to operating those
- and maintaining those and collecting that data and
- and maintaining those and confecting that data and
- making it available based on that proposal? Is that
- 13 a --
- 14 A Yes. We are in support of the monitoring well
- 15 network that -- in both the quantity and quality
- established both for the diversion wells, which
- 17 there's somewhere in the neighborhood of six, I
- think, at least, and then also for each of the
- 19 recharge wells which vary from four to six, at those
- sites, so, yes, that -- we are supportive of
- 21 installing that network and putting in appropriate
- 22 monitors and appropriate testing at each of those
- 23 sites.
- 24 Q Okay. Thank you. Earlier in your testimony you
- showed a slide -- we don't need to have it again,

- 1 before us, and it may have been over here someplace, 2 but it was the one that showed the hydrograph and
- 3 water levels for 1998. Is that a representative 4
- picture, if you will, of the various conditions --
- 5 and that took care of a several month recharging
- 6 event, if I may call it that. Have you examined
- 7 that same kind of data sufficiently to say whether
- 8 that is sort of representative of other hydrologic
- 9 events and recharge events?
- 10 A Yes. Within the demonstration project, we had this 11 extremely significant monitoring network set up at
- 12 the diversion well site, but we also had I believe
- 13 four other sites along the river and we put in
- 14 strings of monitoring wells to observe if bank
- 15 storage events occurred along the entire reach of
- 16 the river that we were interested in, and each of
- 17 the sites demonstrated impacts on water --
- 18 groundwater elevations as river elevations change,
- 19 and in fact one of the equus beds monitoring wells
- 20 just north of the proposed diversion wells -- I
- 21 don't know if Mike Dealy will be showing this, but
- 22 he has historical water level graphs on it,
- 23 hydrographs, that demonstrated that well also
- 24 changing elevations with changes in flow in the
- 25 river. So we believe that bank storage condition,

- 1 river. And that will have to be determined at each
- 2 site. And, again, I believe the controls that are
- 3 in place that will allow us to reach that
- 4 equilibrium. We may have some sites where we're now
- 5 limited to 1,000 gallons per minute where the
- 6 capacity might be 1,200 or 1,500 gallons per minute.
- 7 so there will be more capacity. There will probably
- 8 be -- there may be other sites where we've
- 9 overestimated the capacity and we'll actually pump
- 10 less than we had hoped to because that
- 11 interconnection wasn't as big as we thought, but
- 12 it's reasonable, based on our data, to believe that
- 13 interconnection does exist to one degree or another 14 at each of these sites.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER POPE: I don't believe I 16 have any further questions. Are there -- has that 17 generated any other questions from counsel?
 - MR. ADRIAN: I have none.
- 19 MR. HINKLE: I have none.
- 20 . HEARING OFFICER POPE: Thank you,
- 21 Mr. Blain. You may call your next witness.
- 22 MR. HINKLE: City would call Andrew
- 23 Ziegler to the stand.
- 24 ANDREW C. ZIEGLER, 25
 - called as a witness, having been first duly

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- 1 if you will, is a common occurrence along the river.
- 2 The balance will be to assure that the amount of
- 3 water we withdraw matches how much bank storage is
- 4 occurring.
- 5 O And do you expect that there will be some
- 6 variability up and down along the river for
- 7 different sites, or is that --
- 8 A Yes. Now, as a for instance, the wells we
- 9 drilled -- test wells, we've made some preliminary
- 10 estimates that they'll range from say 600 gallons
- 11 per minute to 1,200 gallons per minute of capacity
- 12 based on the geology we observed. Now let's say we
- 13 round it up to 1,000 gallons per minute is what we
- 14 think that well will produce. We can put the well
- 15 in there, we can pump 1,000 a minute, but with the
- 16 monitoring network, we would then be able to
- 17 determine if, when we're pumping 1,000 gallons per
- 18 minute, is the connection with the river adequate to
- 19 support that 1,000 gallons per minute or will we
- 20 perhaps have to reduce pumpage from that well to
- 21 800 gallons per minute in order to reach that
- 22 balance. And so it's not a case necessarily of
- 23 whether or not the bank storage is occurring at that
- 24 site, but also, if it's occurring, we are pumping at 25 a rate that supports that recharge capacity from the

- sworn, testified as follows:
- 2 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 3 BY MR. HINKLE:
- Q Mr. Ziegler, would you please state your full name
- 5 once you get situated there and give your
- 6 educational background and your current duties with
- 7 your current employer.
- 8 A My name is Andrew C. Ziegler. I'm an employee of 9
 - the United States Geological Survey.
- 10 O Can we take a test a minute?
- 11 A Yeah.
- 12 Q Is that -- okay.
- 13 A Try it again?
- 14 Go ahead.
- 15 A Okay. I'm sorry. Repeat the question.
- 16 Q We were at your name.
- 17 A Who am I?
- 18 Q Yes.
- 19 A Okay. I'm Andrew C. Ziegler. I'm an employee of
- 20 the United States Geological Survey. I'm a
- 21 supervisory hydrologist, water quality specialist,
- 22 and the project chief for the equus beds recharge
- 23 project since about 1995.
- 24 Q What briefly what are your educational
- 25 qualifications for that position?

- 1 A I have an undergraduate degree in geology and a
 2 master's of science degree in urban environmental
 3 geology, which I received from -- both degrees from
 4 University of Missouri at Kansas City.
- Q Would it be accurate to say that the USGS presence
 on this project relates to providing of historical
 data and doing interpretive studies relating to
 that?
- 9 A Yes, it would.

10 Q Mr. Pope, this is the witness I was thinking of
11 particularly this morning when I suggested that the
12 most fluid presentation would just be a presentation
13 off of the Power Point without intervening
14 questions, and if that's all right, we could proceed
15 that way.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Why don't you proceed that way. If it becomes a problem, I will deal with it.

MR. HINKLE: Great.

A And if I might, if I get too long winded on something, I'm sure you'll stop me.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I'll try.

A This might help. That's a CD of the presentation and a couple of copies. I believe all counsel has a copy also. Yeah. Next slide.

project from '95 to 2000 was rather substantial. It was a total of 3.8 million, with USGS contributing 1.4 million of those total study funds, the remainder coming from the city of Wichita. Since then, from 2000 to this year, 2004, we've expended roughly \$4.4 million, with USGS contributing 1.3 million.

The vast majority of that work is associated with the roles described on this slide of looking at and gathering the water quantity and water quality information associated with the equus beds demonstration project and since then the index well network and to additionally serve as a technical resource not just for the city but for the state and also the federal government.

This is a listing of all the citations. You received all of these exhibits, and in essence what I tried to do for the remainder of the slides is electronic screen captures, and so all of this information is in the exhibits that I believe you received under these different exhibit numbers with the city of Wichita. I will attempt to remember to say which exhibit each slide is coming from to try to stay on point with that.

Next slide. What I tried to anticipate or

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This is a summary of the questions I just responded to. I think one thing I would emphasize is my background is in geochemistry and also looking at agricultural chemicals in surface water and groundwater.

The reason I'm testifying here today is I'd say that there's probably few folks around that have more intimate knowledge of the water quality in the equus beds right now than probably I do with all of samples we've collected.

Why USGS is involved. The purpose of this slide is to describe -- United States Geological Survey as part of our mission is to describe the water resources in the nation. We enter into cooperative agreements with federal, state and local agencies to do that type of work, and in particular this is an example, this study of the equus beds aquifer area with the city of Wichita is an example of one of those studies. What USGS gains out of this is knowledge of chemistry and the water resources throughout the United States that we can put together with other studies done in other states to really try to provide a good picture of the water quality and water resources to Congress.

The funding associated with the demonstration

provide is testimony relative to some of the chief engineer's questions on -- I'm going to try to take it hopefully logically through from background groundwater information and chloride contamination movement, then move on to water level and storage changes in the equus beds area, then talk about the demonstration project and water quality and some quantity issues associated with that, and then end with the index well network of what we are -- currently is the focus of our activities.

Next slide. This is just to kind of get us situated in space. The Cheney Reservoir, the city of Wichita, and then this bluish area is the well field area, and the gray outline area in essence forms what I believe is referred to now as the accounting area for the index well network that was developed by GMD2 and others. This is Exhibit --let's see. This is captured out of Exhibit H, City Exhibit H.

Next slide. One of the pertinent issues I think to form the foundation for looking at the chloride sources or some of the sources of chloride contamination in the equus beds area were contained in a report done in cooperation with the Kansas Water Office, Groundwater Management District 2,

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and -- I can't remember who else was cooperating -oh, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation back in the mid '90s
looking at chloride sources in the equus beds
aquifer. Even then the Groundwater Management
District recognized that there were some potential
issues with salt water and chloride contamination in
the area. These are the sources that were described
in that report coming from the Arkansas River,
naturally occurring from the upwelling from the
Wellington formation, oil field activities and other
associated mining activities and sewage treatment
facilities in the area.

I present this table once again from the same exhibit, City Exhibit H, to demonstrate that there are large chloride concentrations in the Arkansas River that was demonstrated from samples collected back in the late 1980s to the early 1990s that were in that report averaging around 600 milligrams per liter as a mean concentration. So it is a rather substantial source of chloride that, as I'll show a little later, when the Arkansas River loses water to the groundwater system in the vicinity of the equus beds, that high chloride water much in excess of the secondary drinking water standard at 250 milligrams per liter can infiltrate and contaminate the

blue line approximates the extent of the 100 milligrams per liter chloride concentration for the study area. So that's not over the drinking water standard, but it does show that this is going to -- it simulates that this chloride concentrations will move and infiltrate into the equus beds if there is no change in pumping. This was using 1989, 1990 pumpage. So I guess you could look at that as a best case scenario or no change scenario.

Next slide. Well, the historical water use presented on this slide -- I think I'm going to focus mostly on this upper slide and we'll get to this lower slide through some other exhibits.

Looking at the historical water use throughout the equus beds you can see that that is increased with time starting back in 1940. That's what this line is. Showing the increase. This line shows the city's portion of the water use from -- withdrawn from the equus beds, and you'll see an inflection point here about 1993, I believe, where the city started to change some of their practices to -- actually 1993 through '97, and you see a decline in the pumpage and water withdrawn from the equus beds for city use. This line here that kind of jumps

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aquifer.

Unfortunately, this is as good a quality as I could get. This was the existing chloride contours done by Nathan Meyers in '89 and '90. It's an aggregation -- aggregation of a number of data collection points that they collected, and in essence the contours during that time period show a line here that roughly approximates 100 milligrams per liter. So this was 14 years ago. And this is in the upper zone and I believe the lower zone. Next slide. Or middle zone.

One of the objectives of that study was to project how far chloride might move and how much time it would take for that chloride to migrate into the equus beds well field area and impair some of those existing uses within that area for drinking water, and you have this darker colored blue area. This is done through a MODFLOW package with particle tracking setup which Dave Stous will probably get into some of that later testimony on how all of the ins and outs of that modeling works, but the main thing I wanted to kind of illustrate with this slide was how the progression out to 2019, you can expect to see this very thin line starts to approach and

get into the idealized well field area here. That

groundwater pumpage for irrigation, and this dot is the permitted irrigation water use throughout the equus beds. The reason I show this is since 1997 the city's withdrawals have decreased about 50 percent. Agricultural withdrawals are also less than the permitted amounts. And I can't conclude anything from that, but you maybe can.

back and forth is groundwater -- estimated

Next slide. Water levels in 1940. This is the baseline that's used for all of the projections that you've heard discussed. In essence, I think the main thing -- the main thing I want to show here is under that predevelopment condition the groundwater more or less flowed parallel to the Arkansas River, which it is right here, and the Little Arkansas River received part of that, which is right here.

Next slide. The historical low from the measurements that we've got in October -- occurred in October of 1992, and you see some rather substantial differences. It's still generally parallel over here directly south of Burrton, however, once you get a little bit to the east you see the combined effects of pumpage throughout this entire area for agricultural, city and domestic uses has changed the flow paths to where it's now moving

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toward those decline areas, and no longer do you really get the same amount of groundwater discharge to the stream. The flow directions have changed, in fact, to where the flow is away from the Little Arkansas River in this vicinity towards the equus

Next. And I -- this is a little bit different than what's in your exhibits. What I did is I assumed it would be a little hard to see. This outlines the area of more than 20 feet of water level decline relative to those 1940 baseline levels. This red blob is to represent the Burrton chloride contamination area that Jerry I believe showed a map of and I'm sure Mike Dealy will present some information later on that, and then the Arkansas River is a source. And the whole purpose of this slide to demonstrate why it's moving. You've created a hole in this area to where the gradient steepened and therefore the velocity of the groundwater from some of these source areas of the chloride has increased and it's now infiltrating into these areas that previously would have been at a much higher water level, therefore, the gradiant wouldn't have existed. I think the other thing that's significant to point out is between -- in the

can look it up -- but several of these slides are from --

3 A I apologize. It's City Exhibit E. All of the ones 4 that were referred to as water resources 5 investigation report 03-4298 are City Exhibit E, 6 which is I guess what I've been talking about 7 through the whole period there.

Next slide. Okay. Now I move on to discussing the demonstration project and then also the more recent index well network work that we've done. Most of the information that I'll be discussing is contained in City Exhibit F, which is the 1999 baseline water quality report. I will attempt to go through and discuss the quantity related issues. Some of the very similar charts that you've seen on groundwater surface water interaction at some -- at the Halstead diversion site, describe the surface water quality and groundwater quality throughout the area as it related to the demonstration project, and then further go on to the index well network.

This is to try to locate you generally. Here's the Little Arkansas River. Here's the big river. Here's the well field outline boundary, the community of Halstead, and the Halstead diversion

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52 year period to the historic low, aquifer storage has decreased by 283,000 acre feet.

Next slide. One of the things that has occurred since '92 is these -- as well as having a little bit better precipitation, the city of Wichita changed their withdrawal practices, as I talked about earlier, and also because there was increased precipitation, it decreased the needs for agricultural pumping, and I think the important thing to gain from this slide is that the aquifer can recover, and it can recover quite substantially if stresses are removed or if you have more natural recharge occur in the system. And that's pretty substantial that it's recovered 124,000 acre feet in that 11 year period. However, still, since 1940, through 2003, the storage volume is still decreased by 159,000 acre feet.

This is just a table for your -- with specific dates for you to look at if you -- if it spawns some questions, I'd be more than happy to answer any of them, but this is the data table that also contains some of those numbers that I had as bullets on the previous slide.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Ziegler, do you have the exhibit number for these -- I'm sure we

site, some domestic wells within a few mile radius of the diversion site. The Highway 50 stream gage that was used for term permit withdrawals. Moving south, we have the Sedgwick recharge site, and the Sedgwick surface water gage.

Next slide. The term permits you're familiar with of 42 cubic feet per second from April through -- April 1st through September 30th, and 20 cubic feet per second from October 1st through March 31st each year for the Highway 50 gage. I'll display a little information on how frequently that occurred during the demonstration period. I'll also present some of the measured ground water levels as well as some of the information -- well, as a summary at the Sedgwick site, the minimum that we've had is 100 days per year that have exceeded permit flows and that happened to be in 2002, which was rather dry down here. Additionally, this is described generally in this report looking at continuous water quality monitors. We have those at those two sites for specific conductance, temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen and turbidity, and those are used to estimate chloride and other

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than that.

1 throughout the demonstration period, and since then 2

we have continued. I believe we've collected

3 probably another 600 samples since the demonstration

project ended. More than 4,000 samples were

5 analyzed for as many as 400 chemicals that are on

the EPA MCL list. I'm sorry, maximum contaminant

level list, and it includes, and I kind of

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8 aggregated these together by their constituent

9 grouping, or chemical grouping: Major ions,

10 nutrients, trace elements, radionuclides, bacteria,

11 herbicides, pesticides, volatile organic compounds,

12 other organic compounds. If you want to know

13 specifically what was analyzed for, it's on table

three, pages 14 through 17, and the City Exhibit --

14 15 yeah. Next.

16 Of all of those constituents with all of the

samples that were collected, constituents of concern were defined, and the way that we defined those in

18 19 consultation with Kansas Department of Health &

20 Environment and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Region 7 were those chemicals that frequently --

22 frequently being defined as 20 percent of the

23 samples -- exceeded drinking water standards. Based

24 on those more than 400 constituents and chemicals

25 that were analyzed in surface water, those chemicals really did not have any examples exceed 50 micrograms per liter throughout the demonstration phase. The reason I have added that on is because

now the -- effective January of 2006 the maximum

5 contaminant level for arsenic will be 10 micrograms 6 per liter. And that is a primary drinking water

7 standard. Iron and manganese are secondary drinking

8 water standards. They just -- because it will cause 9 laundry to get stained and it can also cause the

10 taste to not be too good.

Next. Part of how to measure whether -- or one of the things that was a very important objective for looking at the effects of recharge is to first define what the baseline concentrations of some of these chemicals were. You see this very wide bar, and I apologize. This is a nice complex graph. All of us scientists are kind of nerdy and we like to have all kinds of stuff on our graphs. I noticed you laughed. Sorry. This range goes from less than five milligrams per liter which was the detection limit for chloride up to -- at this site in the pre-recharge period the maximum concentration we had was just under 400 milligrams per liter.

During -- I'll show a slide later that chloride

concentrations can get as high as 930 milligrams per

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were sodium, chloride, total coliform bacteria and atrazine. And in groundwater it was nitrite plus nitrate, arsenic, iron and manganese.

I need to clarify a couple things on this slide. The sodium exceeded a drinking water level that's called the drinking water effects limit that's really -- it's a advisory level for people with heart conditions, so it's not really a primary drinking water standard. Chloride is a secondary drinking water standard for aesthetics; in other words, it tastes salty. Total coliform bacteria is established as a goal of zero, since we can only measure less than one, that's the true detection limit of that, and that's because it's association -- or indicator organism for other viruses and things that could cause you to have gastrointestinal illnesses. Atrazine, because of a proposed increase in cancer risk associated with that chemical. Nitrite plus nitrate has a maximum contaminant level of 10 milligrams per liter. That can cause what's called blue baby syndrome. Arsenic. At the time -- I need to make a note on arsenic. At the time of the demonstration project,

the maximum contaminant level for arsenic was 50

parts per billion or micrograms per liter. We

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liter in the surface water. This is really here for illustrative purposes to show here's the standard line of 250 milligrams per liter. Here's all the varying background concentrations that we detected in various wells throughout the study area, and here's what it is in the river. This little bar is the median or middle concentration of all of the samples that we collected, so that's the value at which half are higher than that and half are lower

I think the best way to summarize this is that chloride frequently exceeds 250 milligrams per liter in the Little Arkansas River; therefore, it is something that the project needed to be concerned with. I think, interestingly enough, the shallow monitoring wells at the diversion site, at the Halstead diversion site, very frequently get close to that limit and have naturally high concentrations, even in a background condition.

Next slide. Likewise for atrazine, background concentrations in the Little Arkansas River can get quite high, up to a maximum value of 46 micrograms per liter or parts per billion. At the Halstead site, likewise, before any recharge activities occurred, atrazine is detectible in groundwater

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almost throughout the entire area at all of the sites that were sampled, and during the background sampling got as high as about a half of a microgram per liter.

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This is just a diagram to show the location of the diversion site with the well within 50 feet of the river, and I'll probably highlight on some following slides, this EB-145-A1, which is the -- a shallow screened interval well nearest the river, and right next to it, actually in a nest, is a deep well that's screened in the lower five feet of the aquifer called PD5. These wells and some of the chemistry associated with these will kind of show some of the effect of diversion and the relation to the chemistry in the Little Arkansas River.

Next slide. A schematic of the recharge site just to kind of get you located. There were two basins at the site, monitoring wells on the eastern side and western side near a recharge trench, and I'll talk generally about some of the water quality at those sites.

Next slide. There's been a couple of people that have testified relative to the perched water tables. This is at the Halstead recharge site, and it's a hydrogeologic cross-section. In essence, the diverted, and you can see the -- I guess that's purple, the purple line is the PD5 deep piezometer at the site, and the black line is the shallow well at the site that I mentioned earlier, the A-1.

When the pumps are turned on, the groundwater levels immediately adjacent to that decrease in response to that additional pump stress; however, when those pumps are turned off they respond and rebound almost immediately, and Jerry had a really -- a very good plot. I didn't -- you can see this is the further -- further extent wells that are out further, a quarter mile or so away from the stream, this showed those that those water levels not only rebounded, they actually increased compared to some of the initial pumping periods. I think one of the things that related to the chief engineer's questions of when can this occur, I kind of summarized here from the report that there's a number of days each year that you will have above base flow conditions or conditions that exceed the permit requirements.

Next slide. Water levels at the recharge site increased during recharge and receded when the recharge stopped, which I guess would make sense.

Chloride concentrations at the diversion site.

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shallowmost monitoring wells are screened at about 30 -- at the bottom of the well is at about 30 feet below land surface, and the water level is at about 20 feet below land surface. Here's the relative position of the recharge trench relative to those water levels, and I think most importantly is this clay layer here in this fairly clayey zone here that cause that water level to more or less be segregated from the deeper most part of the aquifer, this sandier zone down here, that has a static water table, at least it did before any recharge activities have occurred, of about 50 feet below land surface.

Next slide. Jerry has -- Jerry Blain presented a number of -- or a slide. This is a different modification of a similar slide to show the recharge period and the data collected during those periods. The top draft shows the stream stages -- or the stream flow relative to the stair-stepped fashion of the permit withdrawal guideline. This next chart shows the river stage at the site right next to the diversion well and its variation throughout the year. And this is a plot, by the way, from 1995 through July of 1998. The gray bands are the period when water was being

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The top graph shows chloride concentrations in the surface water that are highly variable, as I said

before, this line is the 250 milligram per liter secondary drinking water standard line. There's the

secondary drinking water standard line. There's the
 maximum concentration at 930 milligrams per liter

that occurred during the recharge periods. That was in the river. These are the chloride concentrations

8 in the wells immediately adjacent to and the

9 diversion well. This line that looks continuous is

just a -- all of the points where we collected

samples. We collected samples daily. When the diversion well was initially turned on for the first

time the concentration in the diversion well was

14 20 milligrams per liter. At the end of about 105

day pump test, our continuous pumping cycle, the

16 concentration rose to, if I recall correctly,

17 55 milligrams per liter. We had this rather

extensive almost one year period where the diversion well was not turned on. The well was turned on and

well was not turned on. The well was turned on and very quickly reached an equilibrium of around

very quickly reached an equilibrium of around
 60 milligrams per liter. I think an important thing

to note is this statement I have here: The deep

well PD5 concentrations increased from this

background concentration of 14 milligrams per liter

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. 1 being induced into the groundwater. The average 2 concentration of the groundwater is usually 3 around -- it depends on the time period you pick, 4 but it's usually at least 150 milligrams per liter. 5 Likewise at the recharge site background 6 concentrations varied from 8 milligrams per liter to 7 290 milligrams per liter. After recharge was begun, 8 there -- once again the diversion well water quality 9 is around 60 milligrams per liter. So that water is 10 being recharged and very quickly you reach an 11 equilibrium, and in essence that recharge water, the 12 volume that's put into the system, overwhelms the 13 existing water quality and it becomes the same as 14 the diversion water quality. I think interestingly 15 in this case that caused a rather large improvement 16 in the water quality in one of the shallow wells, 17 and in some of the deep wells those concentrations 18 increased from about 10 milligrams per liter to 19 60 milligrams per liter.

20 Likewise for atrazine concentrations, this is 21 a very similar plot to the one I had for chloride. 22 You have atrazine in the surface water. The gray 23 bands are the pumping periods, and these are the 24 wells immediately adjacent to the stream and the 25 diversion water quality. I think the bottom line

1 important was to look at the different hydrogeology 2 that might be encountered. You'll notice right here 3 is the water level. This is the water level in both 4 the shallow screened interval level and the deep 5 screened interval are identical. In essence, at 6 this location the aquifer is completely unconfined 7 and there is no perched layer. I might also point 8 out that the water level at baseline conditions 9 before recharge activities was 30 feet or so below 10 ground surface, and it's 20 feet below -- there's a 11 difference of 20 feet below the bottom of the 12 recharge pits and the baseline water level.

> Next. During all of the recharge activities that are contained in this report through July of 1998 the water levels increased about 10 feet, so it was still well below the bottom of the recharge basins. And once again, groundwater levels increased during recharge and receded when the artificial recharge stopped.

Next one. Atrazine concentrations are a little different issue to deal with. At the Sedgwick site, that was a surface water intake where the water was withdrawn, treated, had powder activated carbon added to remove atrazine and other pesticides or other organic compounds that might be

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here is that the deep well PD5, the concentrations increased from around detection, less than detection, of .001 parts per billion to .08 micrograms per liter because the surface water was being induced into the groundwater. The -- you know, again, like -- the atrazine concentration in the surface water averages about -- just under 3 micrograms per liter which is the maximum contaminant limit.

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At the recharge site, the initial background concentrations in the shallow well at -- on the east side of the recharge site was .14 micrograms per liter. After recharge activities no concentrations exceeded that, and, in essence, after recharge the concentrations decreased to about this .08 to .09 microgram per liter level.

Next slide. Likewise at the Sedgwick recharge site, this is a schematic. This is a wholly -recharge here is done just through the surface spreading basins. I forgot to mention that previously at the Halstead site, that the vast majority of the recharge was done through a recharge or injection well.

Next. From the standpoint of the demonstration project, one of the things that was in the water. What you see here are three years of two a day samples, roughly, of atrazine concentrations. And so you can see that variability. Here is the last period where recharge activities during the pilot operation were done, and this purplish reddish line is the actual treated water at the recharge basins immediately before it was recharged. In essence, the concentrations decreased to -- through treatment, to baseline concentrations, which were about .3 micrograms per liter. Okay. That took us through the period through 1998.

Now I've only got three more slides on the water quality from the demonstration project. This takes us the rest of the way through December of 1990. And I guess there's a lot of information on these slides, but the bottom line is the chloride concentrations in groundwater at both recharge sites were generally less than in the surface water site, were substantially less than drinking water standards for chloride, and approximated the concentrations in the diverted water. The reason that's important is if you monitor the diverted water, you know what you're going to be doing to the aquifer system.

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Next slide. This is a little different. This shows the difference in the arsenic concentration going from 50 -- or I -- excuse me, the arsenic maximum contaminant level going from 50, so here's where we did all of our baseline work through 1998, there are no concentrations above that line. Then the maximum contaminant level was changed or proposed to be changed permanently in 2006, to 10. Now we have samples that are above that line, and that's why the arsenic is the -- is an important issue to deal with. The Little Arkansas River does have concentrations that exceed the drinking water standard during varying load conditions, usually during a low flow condition, which I thought was interesting. The diverted well water quality had probably the largest concentrations of any of the sites that we looked at. In some ways that was -probably made it a good test. It runs right around 20 micrograms per liter. Then at the recharge sites we in essence -- this band that you see -- these

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was the compatibility of water for recharge. This actually works out pretty well. You can't see a

difference. There's actually two sets of lines on

4 each of these plots and you can't see that. That

means that the recharged water quality and chemistry
 is similar. Part of what was discussed in Exhibit F

7 was future monitoring and monitoring requirements to

8 be able to examine variability, and in that we

9 developed relationships between specific 10 conductants, which is a very easily measured

11 parameter that you can do on a continuous basis or

on a realtime basis and develop the relationships

between specific conductants and chloride
 concentrations for these sites to where that could

be used to estimate a chloride concentration to help

supplement monthly sampling of source water or quarterly sampling of groundwater, which, based on

what we saw, based on the variability of what we saw

in the concentrations in these systems were probably
 adequate to monitor the changes in water quality for

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So more than 4,000 samples were collected and analyzed for more than 400 chemicals and bacteria and surface water and groundwater before and after recharge. Before recharge, fecal coliform,

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one well, and after recharge one well was over the 10 microgram per liter concentration. And that's contained in the text of -- I believe that's Exhibit G. Implications. Yeah. This -- I'm sorry. The previous slide was from Exhibit G, City Exhibit G.

points here are the before recharge concentrations,

and the bar is the median of all the concentrations

were just under 10 micrograms per liter, except at

after recharge. So, in essence, for the Halstead

site, recharge -- before recharge concentrations

Arsenic concentrations. The slide that Jerry Blain presented showed pretty much the same thing as this does. Arsenic concentrations are much less than the current drinking water standard at the Sedgwick recharge site, and that's it.

Next slide. Atrazine is present in the surface water at both the Halstead and Sedgwick sites at times getting quite high up to 4 to 6 micrograms per liter. Median atrazine concentrations in both the recharge sites were less than .1 micrograms per liter. I forgot to mention that previously. I believe that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's current detection limit for their analytical techniques is .2 micrograms per liter, so some of those previous slides that I'd illustrated at the Halstead recharge site that showed some of the increases in some of the concentrations would have all been nondetects with those chemical analytical methods.

Next slide. One of the other important issues

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chloride, and atrazine frequently exceeded maximum contaminant levels in surface water, and at the Halstead recharge site, groundwater in one well at the Halstead recharge site groundwater in one well at the Halstead site exceeded the 2001 MCL of

at the Halstead site exceeded the 2001 MCL of
 arsenic -- for arsenic of 10 micrograms per liter.
 That actually happened before and after recharge.

And concentrations of all of the constituents in the groundwater are similar to those before recharge.

After the six years of recharge that occurred.

There's been presentation and discussion of some of the importance of doing the index well network to define the general water quality and quantity as part of a accounting system.

Next. That's the general locations. As previous testimony has talked about, each one of those representing of roughly four square mile area and that it was developed in concert with GMD2 and Kansas Geological Survey.

This is a summary table of the index well water quality for chloride, sulfate, nitrite plus nitrate, arsenic and atrazine. Each one of those 38 index well sites, so there's 76 total wells, there's a shallow well and a deep well at each of the 38 sites, have been analyzed six times since November

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1 2001. This data table was -- and some subsequent 2 figures are City Exhibits Sthrough W. And I'll 3 highlight a couple of things here. This is all 4 baseline or background information at these sites. 5 Chloride concentrations in the shallow wells exceed 6 the 250 milligram per liter drinking water criteria 7 or water quality criteria in five percent of the 8 sites. The same at the deep wells. Sulfate exceeds 9 at 21 percent of the sites for shallow, 13 percent 10 deep, and rather than go through each one of those, 11 I'll show you graphically what that looks like --12 oh, I guess I'll -- after this slide. Organics were 13 detectible at very small concentrations. Most of 14 these are associated with pesticides. They're 15 degradation products, like metolachlor oxanylic 16 acid. That's what OXA stands for. But none of the 17 organic compounds that were analyzed exceeded the 18 water quality standards in any of the wells. 19

Okay. Average chloride concentrations. The way this is set up, rather than have the nice contour map that Jerry put up, I've got big dots. So the big red dot means that the shallow only at that particular location, the average concentration of chloride exceeded 250 milligrams per liter at that site. Down here near the Arkansas River,

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subsequent potential effects of -- on water quality.

Next. And so a summary of all of this is the

larger chloride and sulfate values generally occur

near the Arkansas River and the area near Burrton. Nitrate, arsenic and atrazine are relatively well distributed or evenly distributed throughout the area. Nitrate concentrations are highest in the shallow wells. Arsenic concentrations are highest in the deep wells, and atrazine is detected most frequently in the shallow wells. However, none of

the samples exceeded any water quality standards.

Next slide. That's it. That's an extra.

That's one I forgot to delete.

13 14 O Mr. Ziegler, you, through this process, obviously 15 have gathered and analyzed lots of data from the 16 monitoring wells. It looks to me as if in addition 17 to the distribution of various contaminants that 18 there were a few other conclusions that could be 19 drawn. I want to see if these are accurate. One

- 20 was that it appears when recharge into an area stops
- 21 the groundwater levels there decrease.
- 22 A Correct.
- 23 Q What does that mean do you?
- 24 A That means that you temporarily increase that 25
 - storage and that once you eliminate that additional

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there's two sites -- or there's one that's split in half. That means both the shallow and deep exceeded 250 milligrams per liter, and if it's just a filled-in blue, that means only the deep did. Next slide. Sulfate concentrations are a

little more prevalent throughout most of the area exceeding the drinking water standard. Nitrite plus nitrate only exceeds the drinking water standard in the shallow wells. And this is the map that Mr. Blain presented earlier that he had the contours on. The deep zone has most of the concen -- or most of the sites with exceedances of 10 micrograms per liter, but there are a few shallow wells that also exceed 10 micrograms per liter in the groundwater for arsenic.

Next. And all of the other slides that I presented were where concentrations exceeded a drinking water standard. In this case, this is where atrazine concentrations were detected at least once exceeding .1 micrograms per liter. All of these or nearly all of these detections are in the swallow wells and in essence you don't see it in the deep wells.

The reason I present all of these is that this sets up the background information to look at

volume of water, it will more or less spread out into the rest of the aquifer.

3 Q Second, it seems to me to be that there's clear 4 evidence here that in fact the wells have the effect 5. of inducing stream water into the diversion wells, is that right? 6

7 A Based on the water quality and water level 8 information, that's true.

9 Q And that the recharge water that is used end up to 10 be of a similar chemistry to the baseline

11 groundwater chemistry at the recharge sites.

12 A The water quality that's at an existing location, 13 when you add the recharged water --

14 Q Right.

15 A -- then the groundwater at that location will look 16 like the recharge water.

17 Q Okay. Do you have anything else you'd like to add 18 from your -- to your testimony?

A Not at this time.

20 MR. HINKLE: Okay. Could I have a 21 moment, Mr. Pope?

(Off-the-record discussion.)

23 MR. HINKLE: Thank you. I have no 24 further questions.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Adrian.

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Page 206 Page 208 1 recommendations of the Groundwater Management 1 MR. ADRIAN: Thank you. 2 2 CROSS-EXAMINATION District in regard to those applications? 3 3 A Again, I briefly skimmed them. BY MR. ADRIAN: 4 Q So really your -- you would not have enough 4 Q I think at the outset you described yourself as 5 5 the -- or your position as project chief for the knowledge of either the application or the 6 recommendations or the Memorandum of Understanding 6 equus beds recharge project. 7 to say whether those will accomplish the protections 7 A That's one of my titles. 8 that are hoped to be accomplished through the 8 Q Is that the appropriate --9 9 recommendations of the district. A Yes. 10 Q And that is a designation given to you by the USGS? 10 A That's correct, I don't have enough knowledge. 11 MR. ADRIAN: Okay. I have no other 11 A Yes. 12 questions. 12 O And so how much time then percentage-wise, for 13 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Hinkle, any 13 example, have you spent on this project? Is that 14 14 100 percent of your time or is it just part of your redirect? 15 MR. HINKLE: No, thank you. 15 time? 16 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Rolfs? A I've spent at least 25 percent of my time on this 16 17 MR. ROLFS: I have no questions. 17 project since 1995. 18 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Bagley? Q During that period of time since 1995, then, have 18 19 you -- would you describe yourself as having been 19 **EXAMINATION** BY HEARING OFFICER POPE: 20 20 intimately involved with the city's learning process O Mr. Ziegler, I want to just follow up just real 21 21 in regard to this project? 22 briefly on a couple of points. If I'm looking at 22 A You'd have to define the learning process and 23 23 what's page 41 of your Power Point slides, do you intimate a little bit more clearly. 24 have a copy there so you can --24 Q How much have you been in communication with the 25 A Yes. 25 city with regard to this rather voluminous Page 209 Page 207 1 information that you have? 1 O -- put it back up? For each of these -- in fact, 2 without going into a lot of detail, but just the 2 A We frequently -- we distribute and update on a -- I 3 caption on the slide says compatibility of water for 3 would say roughly a quarterly basis, just as a 4 routine. The information and all of the data once 4 recharge. Recharge water is of similar chemistry to 5 5 it's quality assured is presented on our website. baseline groundwater chemistry at recharge sites. 6 6 And then these little figures on here. Are you We've participated in annual meetings, public 7 saying for the -- for these particular identified 7 meetings in the Halstead-Sedgwick area. At least

8 phone discussions every couple of weeks probably 9

with some small aspect of the project or the water

10 quality data or the groundwater data.

11 O Well, it would appear to me that your -- that the

information that you have accumulated would be

13 extremely valuable to this project and valuable to

14 the city, would it not?

15 A I think it's valuable to all of the folks within the 16 study area.

17 O And they, to your knowledge, they have seen it, had

18 access to it and used it in their formulation of the

19 project.

20 A Yes.

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21 Q Have you had an opportunity also to view their

applications?

23 A I briefly skimmed them. I would not say that I've

24 reviewed them.

Q Then have you had an opportunity to view the

8 sites that they're very close? I mean, if you look

9 at the Halstead recharge site, for example, I see a

10 variety of lines there on those little figures.

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12 Q You're saying you don't see much change in chemistry

13 there between the water -- and this is all based on,

what, the pilot project?

15 A Correct. This is a --

O The demonstration? 16

17 A Demonstration project, right. What this is is a --

18 it's called a stiff diagram, but it's a plot of the

19 milliequivalents, the amounts of the major ions in

20 the water, and in particular the site you're

21 referring to, that very large -- the biggest, the

22 most outward line, that is that shallow well on the

23 west -- or excuse me -- shallow well on the east

24 side of the Halstead recharge site that happens to

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- l sewage lagoon. And I suspect the reason that
- 2 chemistry looks relatively dissimilar is because
- 3 there is some small impact or some impact on the
- 4 groundwater at that site.
- 5 Q Okay. So there may be some of that upper water
- 6 being induced into the lower water there. Is that
- 7 what you're saying?
- 8 A I think at that shallow well at that site, the --
- 9 what happened in the recharge basins, the background
- 10 water quality at that site was affected by the
- 11 sewage lagoon adjacent to it.
- 12 Q Okay. I guess I'm trying to reconcile in my mind
- testimony I think I heard a few minutes apart from
- 14 that about if -- when you recharge water into a
- site, then it's going to look like the recharge
- 16 water, the groundwater is going to take on the --
- essentially the properties, but if -- but if they're
- 18 reasonably similar, then that's not going to be much
- 19 of a change, is it not?
- 20 A Correct.
- 21 Q But if they're not reasonably similar, you will see
- 22 a change?
- 23 A Correct. And in that particular instance, that was
- 24 the site that had 290 milligrams per liter of
- 25 chloride, and the recharge water was 60, so the

- before the diversion well was pumped we did not see those in the deep groundwater.
- HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. I don't think I have any further questions unless I've generated some others. Thank you very much.

Let's take a quick break here, less than 10 minutes, while we get set up for the next witness.

(There was a recess from 3:09 p.m.

to 3:18 p.m.)

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Hinkle, are you ready?

MR. HINKLE: I am. Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Call the hearing back to order, and you may call your next witness.

MR. HINKLE: City calls Mr. David Stous as a witness.

DAVID STOUS,

called as a witness, having been first duly

19 sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

- 21 BY MR. HINKLE:
- 22 Q Do you have the microphone there, Mr. Stous?
- 23 A Yes, I do. Is it okay?
- 24 Q Okay. Great. Sure. Would you please give your
- 25 name and your educational background and current

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- 1 concentration decreased from 290 to 60 for a period of time.
- 3 Q Now, at the location of the recharge -- or not the
- 4 recharge -- the bank storage well, did I understand
- 5 you to say earlier that when that well was pumped
- 6 the quality of water in the lower part of the
- 7 aquifer did change to more reflect the constituents
- 8 in the river water?
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 Q And was that more of a local effect in terms of
- inducing water down into -- essentially replace the
- 12 pumped water from the deep well or the deep zoned
- area, how far out did that go? Was that just
- ld locally where the well was?
- 15 A I don't know.
- 16 O Just where you measured it was.
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q But in general terms, there were some different
- 19 constituents in river water and sort of the upper
- 20 part of the groundwater as compared to the lower
- 21 groundwater, that it showed continuity between those
- 22 two. Is that --
- 23 A We saw increases in the concentrations of chloride
- 24 and atrazine that were present in the shallow
- 25 groundwater and in surface water at that site, but

- 1 employment status.
- 2 A Yes. My name is David Stous. I'm employed by Burns
- 3 & McDonald Engineering Company. I've been with them
- 4 for 31 years. I have a bachelor of science degree
- 5 in earth science in 1971 from Central Missouri State
- 6 University, I have a master of science degree in
- 7 water resources science from the University of
- 8 Kansas in 1978. I'm also a registered professional
- 9 engineer and a registered professional geologist.
- 10 I'm also a licensed well driller in the state of
- 11 Missouri, which is required for design of wells.
- 12 Q In your employment with Burns & McDonald, have you
- 13 been involved with the city of Wichita aquifer
- 14 storage and recharge project?
- 15 A Yes, sir. I've been involved since the water supply16 study in 1993.
- 17 Q What particular is your aspect? What aspect do you
- 18 have in the project?
- 19 A I am a hydrogeologist and I help evaluate the
- 20 hydrogeology concerns, including the modeling, test
- 21 drilling and aquifer analysis.
- 22 Q What is the purpose of the groundwater model that
- 23 was developed here?
- 24 A Okay. The groundwater model was used from the start
- 25 with the water supply -- or the aquifer storage and

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- . 1 recovery feasibility study for several purposes. It 2 was to help determine feasibility of the recharge 3 project, the aquifer storage and recovery project, 4 to help evaluate changes in the storage volume, and 5 to look at impacts of various rates of filling, what happens to river infiltration and exfiltration of 6 7 the different rivers. And again to help establish 8 the guidelines for the future project. Later the --9 it was evolved into a tool -- it is still evolving 10 into a tool to use with the accounting methodology. 11 Q Can you please describe the model development.
- 12 A Yes, sir. The model that we currently have has had 13 quite an evolution, several generations of the 14 model. We used a MODFLOW model, which is a finite 15 difference model that was developed by the USGS, 16 modeling methodology that was developed by the USGS 17 and is accepted by many agencies as a valid model. 18 The model configuration that we used is based on a 19 model originally put together and generated by the 20 USGS. That model is described in City Exhibit H 21 that was essentially completed by Nathan Meyers of 22 the USGS and is entitled: The hydraulic and

chemical interaction of the Arkansas River with the

Wichita-South Central Kansas. He prepared that

equus beds aquifer between Hutchinson and

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have a figure on the wall that shows the model outline in relationship to Hutchinson, the Arkansas River, Wichita, and the Little Arkansas River. That's an area about 40 miles by 24 miles. The -let's see, I think the next slide will show -- yeah, I think -- that shows the model grid that the USGS used. Now, the grid spacing along the rows is finer along the river and the area of interest, and the grid spacing in that area is about 1,000 feet wide and the column spacing is 5,000. And as we step out away from the area of interest the grid spacing increases until at the model boundary essentially outside of the area of interest of Nathan's study, the spacing is 5,000 by 10,000 feet. That's the model boundaries.

The next slide and on the poster board shows the conceptual model that the USGS used. This is our figure -- our conceptual model is similar. There's no significant changes between the conceptual models between the USGS and our model. And the important points on this conceptual or cartoon of how the model was put together shows that there are three layers: There's an upper layer, middle layer and lower layer. At the edge of the

model in some places are no flow boundaries; in

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1 model over a fairly large area to look at 2 interaction, specifically chlorides. As Mr. Ziegler 3 earlier testified, he gave some of the findings of 4 that model as reported in this result -- in this 5 report. That model was obtained by the Bureau of 6 Reclamations to perform further studies under 7 contract to the Groundwater Management District. 8 They attained the same model and refined it, and 9 I'll go into greater detail about that in a minute, 10 to do contaminant transport studies and analyze the 11 migration of chlorides through the equus beds, and 12 that is contained in City Exhibit J, which is the 13 Arkansas River water management improvement study, 14 modeling of chloride transport in equus beds model. 15 So they refined the model, and then Burns McDonald 16 obtained that model from the USBR, so it's 17 refined -- this is kind of a third stage of 18 refinement that we did. We refined the model in the 19 well field area to get better resolution of the 20 model within our area of interest. 21 Now going to the -- a bit of the details of 22 the USGS model and some of the parameters used.

Nathan Meyers initially set up his model covering an

area that is about 24 miles wide and 40 miles long,

and it's oriented parallel with the Ark River. We

Page 217 1 other words, it's where the aquifer meets bedrock, 2 and so there's negligible flow between the bedrock 3 and the aquifer. And the lower boundary, again, is 4 the bedrock and there's negligible flow at that 5 point. Nathan assigned hydraulic parameters for 6 each of the layers based on some analysis that he 7 did. Additionally, we have river input, both --8 either seepage into the aquifer or seepage from the 9 aguifer to the river, the Ark River and the Little 10 Ark River. There's evapotranspiration occurring 11 that's accounted for. There's discharge through 12 wells that's accounted for. There's recharge by 13 precipitation that is accounted for. And then as we 14 go into modeling the recharge project, there's 15 artificial recharge accounted for. Let's see. 16 17 Q Mr. Stous, the conceptual model that you have is DWR

20 material that was given to DWR in response to one of 21 the letters and I think it's contained within 22 Exhibit P, yes. The -- in discussing some of the 23 parameters of the model -- let's see. As I 24 mentioned, the aquifer parameters include the 25 hydraulic conductivity of each of the layers. And

A That's contained in the -- some of the modeling

Exhibit P, is that correct?

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Mr. Meyers had several pumping tests, mainly along 1 that area, but the 3.2 feet in the steady state

2 model is considered fairly good.

Q Mr. Stous, let me see if I understand thiscorrectly. Your discussions here of a model are

5 describing a tool you used for prediction that is

6 based upon actual measurements out in the field and

7 then you use it to see how close it comes to

8 reality, is that correct?

9 A That's correct.

10 Q And these ranges that you've described here, with

the absolute difference of 3.2 feet, is a

description of the accuracy of that model, is that

13 right?

14 A That's correct.

15 Q Okay.

16 A That's correct. After the steady state model was

established, established starting water levels for a transient model that he used for his further

analysis, there's some additional parameters that a

transient model has that a steady state does not.

21 That includes specific yield and specific storage

22 that he's set. Those values were -- remain the same

23 through the generations of the model. His transient

24 model was set up in six stress periods covering the

period from 1940 to 1989. I think that the six

period from 15 to to 1505t 1 think that the s

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value of evapotranspiration was just established by the calibration process.

the Ark, to establish the hydraulic conductivity of

boundary between each of the layers, and for the

precipitation recharge he used -- the precipitation

recharge varies throughout the model, depending on

Now, he used the average precipitation from

three stations within the modeling area to come up

with what the initial precipitation was. For the --

The next value that he used or parameter that

he looked at was evapotranspiration, and that is a

ground surface. Evapotranspiration is the most at

the surface, and then as the water table drops or is

lower than the surface, there's a percentage of the

point there's no evapotranspiration because the

extension point. And that's set in the model -- in

the USGS model at about 10 feet. And I think the

groundwater is too deep, and that's called the

maximum evapotranspiration occurs, and then at some

okay. I'll talk a little bit more about that in a

function of soil types and how high the water

table -- or how close the water table is to the

minute when I get to the transient model.

the layers. He also used throughout his model

electric logs and geologic logs to define the

soil types and grade or slope of the soil.

The next parameter that was looked at was stream flow. For the steady state model he used stream flow that represents an average stream flow in the pre-1940s time frame. And in -- like I say, in the predevelopment there's essentially no pumping by wells. He established a steady state model initially to try to match the reported 1940 levels, and as a starting point for his further modeling analysis. He performed a calibration operation for the steady state model that included increasing and decreasing some of the model parameters to see what impact they would have on the water levels and the closeness of that between the modeled and recorded 1940 water levels.

In that calibration process he had an absolute difference between observed and modeled water levels of 3.2 feet. So the model that came within an absolute difference of 3.2 feet; however, that ranged from about two and a half feet to over four and a half feet, the four and a half feet being out in the well field area. That was not his -- necessarily his primary focus of his study. And he didn't have a lot of information to find a model in

Page 221 periods generally represent area -- periods of

similar precip and pumpage. The -- those were not

3 even time periods, but there were six periods

4 covering that 49 year period. The stream flow was

5 adjusted for each of the stress periods based on the

6 70 percent recurrence at two specific gauges. For

7 the Ark River that was the gage at Hutchinson and

8 for the Little Ark River that is -- it was the gage

9 at Valley Center. And then the recharge -- natural

10 recharge from precipitation varied for each stress

11 period. Again, that was the average of the three

weather stations within the area, and then scattered

13 throughout the model, depending on soil type --

14 please advance the slides. There's several more.

15 Keep going. A little more. This is the

16 distribution of the recharge factors that Nathan

Meyers used in his model. The average -- well, each

of the colors have a -- have a recharge factor

19 that's multiplied times the average precipitation at

20 each of those three stations to simulate recharge

21 through that area. So the factor may be slightly

over one or slightly under one, depending on the

23 soil types and the -- and the slope of the land.

24 And then he average -- let's see. And then he

25 averaged the pumpage within the five stress -- five

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1 major -- or six major stress periods that -- for the 2 discharge from wells. Again, he went through a 3 calibration process. This time the overall 4 calibration is about 4.7 feet throughout the model 5 and range from a little over two feet to six feet. 6 Again, that's deemed a fairly satisfactory 7 calibration. And if I may, I'd like to point out 8 some of the findings that are in this report, this 9 exhibit, that I think are significant to our 10 project. Prior to development the Ark River, with 11 his findings, was actually a gaining stream through 12 the reach from Hutchinson to Wichita. Not very 13 much, but it had a gaining stream of about 21 cubic 14 feet per second.

> Now, the Little Ark is a drain for the aquifer. The aquifer actually ends just a short distance east of the Little Ark. The aquifer thins out to bedrock. And so water moving from west to east through the aquifer is drained by the river, by the Little Ark River. And in predevelopment times the average base flow, average drainage from the aquifer, that water right near the river came up into the river and was drained away at a rate throughout the model of about 67 cubic feet per second. So because of the natural recharge, we have

3 U.S. Bureau of Reclamation picked up the model to do 4 additional contaminant transport studies, and if you 5 could go back some -- I apologize. If you could go 6 back several. One more, I think. Yes. Okay. This 7 is the same model area used by Nathan that the U.S. 8 Bureau of Reclamation used. And because they were 9 doing contaminant transport studies, the model grids 10 needed to be a little more square than what they 11 were. They were rectangular in the Nathan Mever 12 study. You get better results with the contaminant 13 transport studies if these are square, so the Bureau 14 of Reclamation regridded the area, made them more 15 square in the area of interest, and they ended up 16 with a -- the square shapes and the model with the

same area, with better resolution, now has 54 rows

and 84 columns. Again, this is in Exhibit J, figure

increase to 110 to 200 tons per day depending on how

pumping might increase. The -- from his model, the

19 9. After they regridded --20 Q That's city of Wichita exhibit? 21

A City of Wichita exhibit, yes, sir. After they 22 regridded it, there's several repairs that have to 23 be made to some of the boundary conditions,

24 specifically the river. Some of the parameters have

25 to be adjusted for the new sizes, and after they did

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water going to the Ark and to the Little Ark at those rates. Then his modeling showed that by 1989 the Ark became a losing stream, and in the reach between Hutchinson and Wichita, it's losing about 52 cubic feet per second of -- of water that has a median concentration of over 600 parts per million.

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Q That's concentration of chlorides. A I'm sorry. Of chlorides, yes. Chlorides. And then because of the pumpage and reduction of head within the central part of the well field itself, base flow in the Little Ark River has dropped from 67 to about 27 cubic feet per second. Then his projections, he projected what would happen under various pumping scenarios out to the year 2019. And depending on the scenario, water levels could drop another 78 feet in some areas. And then the losses from the Ark River, Arkansas River, could vary depending on the pumping scenario from 59 to 117 cubic feet per second. And then he calculated that -- with the median concentration of 630 parts per million of chlorides, that at the 1989 time frame there's approximately 100 tons of chlorides per day moving from the river into the aquifer. And with pumping

scenarios either the same or continuing, depending

on that pumping scenario in the future, that could

1 that they reran the calibration and the predicted

2 heads and water budgets that came very close to the 3 USGS so they felt it was sufficient to proceed

4 with -- with -- with the contaminant studies. And

5 then they used a contaminant transport model called 6 MT3D that additional parameters with contaminant --

7 that control contaminant movements were input. MT3D

8 uses the MODFLOW water budgets and groundwater

9 levels for the gradients and flow parameters, and

10 then it tracks how contaminants will be absorbed or 11 transported from one cell to the other. And then

12 they presented their findings, and I'll just show

13 one. I think this is from their report. Shows the

14 predicted chloride distribution for the year 2049,

15 the lower model layer. The dotted line is the 16

general outline of the Wichita well field -- and 17 let's see. I think I have -- I have that here also.

18 And one of the predictions is that a 500 milligram

19 per liter line will be migrating by that time into

20 the well field from the Ark River, and we have a

21 close to 500 milligram per liter line from the

Burrton oil plume entering the well field at that 22

23 location. Burns & McDonald attained the model from 24 the USBR. And again the initial modeling objectives

25 were to evaluate the feasibility of the ASR project

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1 and to look at different filling rates, how the 2 aquifer respond and how water leaking into the 3 aguifer or leaving the aguifer, what conditions 4 would control that. Again, the conceptual model is 5 the same as the USGS, but we needed a better 6 resolution in the well field area, so we regridded 7 the model. Again, this is I believe contained in 8 DWR Exhibit P. It's one of several of model figures 9 that was submitted in response to some additional 10 questions by DWR. This model has -- again, it's the 11 same physical area, but now we've refined the grid 12 spacings on the model. There are 40 -- I'm sorry. 13 84 row and 120 columns, so 120 columns this way and 14 84 rows. And the finest resolution in our area of 15 interest is 1,000 feet on the side. And again you 16 see the river nodes -- well, this slide shows -- the 17 blue are the river nodes, this being the Arkansas 18 River and this the Little Arkansas River, and you 19 see some of these nodes are fairly large at the 20 edge. The whole node is representing a river --21 there's river leakage into that node, and as we 22 refine -- that the model refined the grid, we have 23 to translate the hydraulic parameters appropriate 24 for this size of grid, so there's some repair that 25 has to be done when we regrid. And then we checked

has the pumping period just prior to the January '93 water level measurements, and we looked at calibration within the well field specifically at the index wells. The wells didn't go in till later so we used interpolated values from 1940 and from the 1992 pumping periods.

Our calibration residual was 4.5 feet for the 1992, and the model had a error, a mass balance error, a water budget error of less than .01 percent, so we felt that was pretty good for the transient model to set initial water levels for the next phase of our modeling, which is a transient modeling to simulate how the aquifer would fill and the results of flow to the river and from the river.

For the transient modeling we started with these 19 -- simulating the January 1993 water levels. We set the stress parameters on one year -- one year time steps. So for every year we adjust the pumping, which is -- we've obtained from the water use reports and records that GMD had. The recharge, again, is the same as -- same procedure as the USGS used. We looked at the average precip for those three stations for the year, and then the model has the adjustment factors for how much actually goes into -- is recharged into the aquifer.

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this against the heads and the water balance with the USGS and then had fairly good agreement when we re-ran this model.

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Now, Nathan Meyers had told us that his area of interest was the Ark River. He had some error -errors up in this area. This wasn't specifically his area of interest so that he could withstand a little more error in that, that specific part of the model, but that is our area of interest, and we began additional test hole drilling with the -- the ASR feasibility analysis which I think is in 1994, I believe. Since that time we've continued drilling. We have much better understanding and better detail of the aquifer characteristics and the layering. So we've incorporated that soil boring information into the model up through I believe it's the 1997 boring investigations that we've had. We use the same break techniques to try to determine the elevation of the model layers, the upper and lower layers, and then went through a recalibration, if you will, with those adjusted parameters. Let's see. We did look at the 1940 steady states. We performed a steady state analysis looking at 1940 levels in -- let's

see. We also -- I don't know if I can cover that.

We also looked at a 1992 steady state model, 1992

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And then the stream flow, again, we look at the average annual -- or the stream flow, the annual stream flow at the two gauges that has a 70 percent recurrence. We did the calibration and looked at 2001 water levels in the index wells. Those were real measurements at that time the wells went in. We had an absolute main residual ranging from a little over two feet to 6.7 feet in that, with a model budget -- water budget discrepancy of less than one percent.

Now, I want to point out, you can see how the models evolve, as we get more data, we can further refine it. And it's a continual process, I guess, or can be a continual process as we get more data.

- 15 O Mr. Stous, what --
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q -- do you get for that refinement? What's your18 benefit?
- 19 A To reduce the absolute residual mean, or, in other 20 words, to reduce the difference between the observed 21 and the modeled water level, so we know that the 22 model more accurately predicts the flow conditions

and the head conditions with the further refinement.

I'll just point out a couple of our initial

findings. This is a graph from the -- continue on,

1 if you would. That one. This is from DWR Exhibit 2 T, which is the environmental impact statement 3 that -- and this is a graph of the storage deficit 4 in the equus beds along the bottom with losses or 5 gains from the adjacent rivers.

6 The blue is what's flowing from the Arkansas 7 River into the equus beds at different storage 8 deficits in the aquifer. At a deficit of around 9 250,000 acre feet the model is showing roughly 30 10 cfs inflow from the Arkansas River. That's the high 11 chloride water. The red line is the seepage from 12 the equus beds from the aquifer draining into the 13 Little Ark River, and at that 250,000 acre foot 14 storage deficit there's probably, you know, 15 somewhere around 10 cfs seepage, which is 16 essentially the base flow. You know, at 17 predevelopment, it -- this model shows it to be 18 right at 40 cfs. So as we fill it up, as we start 19 recharging or restoring that storage deficit, we'll 20 be increasing the base flow of the Little Ark River 21 approximately like this line shows, and we'll be 22 decreasing the migration of salt -- salt 23 contamination or chloride contamination coming from 24 the Ark River.

That's a brief summary of how we have used the

1 simply metered, that is metered in and is modeled as 2 artificial recharge as well recharge into the model. 3 Regulations call for an estimate for evaporation and 4 transpiration. We proposed to lump those together 5 as previously discussed in the model as a trans --6 as a value of transfer -- evapotranspiration. That 7 is again based on the calibrated -- calibrations for 8 the Nathan Meyers model and continued into the Burns 9 McDonald model. Again, it's based on a value that's 10 reduced with the depth of water below the ground 11 surface to an extinction point. The -- it also 12 calls for estimates from an accounting of 13 infiltration from streams and groundwater discharge 14 to streams. There's several factors on how -- how 15 much is infiltrated or exfiltrated, including the 16 permeability of the river bottom and the 17 relationship of the groundwater table to the river 18 level, so the driving head -- and the differences 19 between the two is a driving head between -- that 20 impacts the amount of water leaving or entering the 21 river, and then the calculated recharge credits. 22 Again, you want to look at a water balance, and a 23 water balance is essentially water coming into the

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- 1 model in the -- design and feasibility of the 2
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- Q Mr. Stous, the regulation 5-12-22 calls for an 4 annual accounting of water in the basin storage area
- 5 to determine the amount of recharge credits held,
- 6 and it gives a list of factors to be considered.
- 7 Can you tell how the modeling process will be used
- 8 to address each of those factors.
- 9 A Yes, sir. The regulation calls for a water balance, 10 which the model is quite capable of doing. The,
- 11 model -- a basic MODFLOW model will -- the output
- 12 will have a water balance for the entire model, the
- 13 inflows versus the outflows, and it gives a percent
- 14 error if there is a difference. Now, you also can
- 15 tell MODFLOW to look at the water balance from each
- 16 cell, and that's -- and we'll be using that --
- 17 excuse me. We'll be using that in our accounting
- 18 process. The regulations call for addressing the
- 19 natural and artificial recharge. The model as I've
- 20 shown in the conceptual -- conceptually and
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- described does address the natural precipitation 22. through -- on an annual basis by the average precip
- 23 from the three stations, and then that's distributed
- 24 across the model depending on soil types, and that
- 25 was calibrated on USGS. The artificial recharge is

1 conservation of mass equation for hydrology. And

system equals the water going out of the system plus

2 we're going to be evaluating all these different

or minus changes in storage, is the basic

- 3 impacts to what makes the change in storage to help
- 4 determine the calculated recharge credits. The --5
- one of the main features of the model that helps
- 6 with the calculations is that we can simply, from
- 7 two points, calculate the amount of groundwater flow
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- from one area to another area with the basic Darcy
- 9 equation of -- depending on the permeability of 10
 - material, the gradient and the distance, but
- 11 there's -- there's such variation and such a wide
- 12 area that manual calculations are not very
- 13 practical, and the model does help us with the --
- 14 keep track of all these calculations of movement of
- 15 water from one cell to another cell. And we put
- 16 together a partial demonstration of how this
- 17 might -- we might work this, and if you advance the
- 18 slides several -- it's -- you know, another one.
- 19 One more. Okay. This is a blowup of the -- the big
- 20 squares are the index cells that are -- that are
- 21 four -- four square miles to the containment of each
- 22 cell, and because the model is oriented parallel to
- 23 the Ark River, the model grid does not necessarily
- 24 line up parallel with the -- with the index well
- 25 grid. Inside -- these cells in here represent the

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model grid. And we're proposing to use an additional USGS model. It's a post processing model called zone budget, which keeps track of the water budget within a specified area. So we've specified the cells that would be within an index cell and used zone budget to track what water enters from this cell to -- the cell of interest, what water leaves from this cell to this cell and this cell to this cell, and it has a thorough accounting of all the parameters of the water budget.

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the output of zone budget set up for one cell. It has all the water parameters that flow into the cell. We're looking at say zone two, which is the zone budget terminology, we'll call that index cell two. So this is flow for some time period water in. There's a storage value. There's water that flows from the model's constant head. We do not see it in this particular zone. There is a number for wells. So this is a recharge well that is putting water into the model, so we can see the water coming in. This is the value of recharge from natural precipitation for this example. This is the amount of evapotranspiration for this particular cell. This is the amount of stream leakage in, and there's

One more slide, please. This is an example of

a summary of the water flowing in versus water flowing out, and then the calculation of the percent of discrepancy. So this is -- we've set this up for each of the index -- 38 index cell areas. It would put out a budget example like -- as you see, for each cell, and then we have one additional problem to have to deal with. If you go back one -- I'm sorry. Another one.

This is just a demonstration exhibit. The --

there is a gradient from east to west, and -- I'm sorry. West to east. Getting dry. And the model calculates -- you calculate the flow from each of these cells. This will represent a cell, for example, the index cells that we have. And we have -- the lower line here might represent water levels without recharge, so there is a gradient from west to east. And the model will calculate the flow from one cell to the other based on the gradient, the permeability of the materials, the distance, and this flow -- how large an area is contributing to flow, the cross-sectional area between the different

cells. So that will give us one value. And as we

to this cell, that's going to change the flow of

do recharge, that's going to change as we add water

characteristics. We have a steeper gradient so this

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- 1 no streams in this particular cell, so there's no 2 water coming in, and then this is the underflow 3 setup for the index cell. All those cells that make 4 up the -- all the model cells that make up the index 5 cell are grouped, and so from zone zero to zone two 6 this much comes in, and similarly for all these 7 different zones, we can see what's coming in to this 8 cell, cell number two, and this is the outflow. It 9 shows a number for storage, and in MODFLOW, in model 10 terminology this gets a little confusing. The 11 store -- the water going, as it's reported here, out 12 of storage, or out to storage, is a better way of 13 thinking of it, is water that's moving out of the 14 flow equation and into storage, so it gets very 15 confusing. This is water moving out of the flow 16 equation and into aquifer storage. Again, there's 17 no water leaving with constant heads. There's a 18 certain amount of water leaving with well pumpage. 19 Of course there's no water leaving with natural 20 recharge. That's just churning through the -- the 21 way the model is. There's some water leaving with 22 ET. There's no water -- because there's no stream 23 in this particular cell, there's no water leaving 24 from -- to a stream. And then this is outflow from 25 cell two to the surrounding cells. And then there's
- 1 flow increases. In other words, if we put 100 2 credits in here, after some period of time, a 3 certain amount of those credits will move from this 4 cell to this cell. And, therefore, we can't take 5 100 credits back out of this particular cell. We 6 have to track where these credits might go. Now, 7 MODFLOW can't keep track of specific water 8 particles, as such. It can't keep track of red 9 water or blue water or recharge credits and 10 nonrecharge credits specifically internally, so we 11 have to come up with a technique to be able to do 12 that. And the way we will do that is to run MODFLOW twice. We actually run it with all the other stress 13 14 parameters without -- without the ASR recharge, and 15 then we'll run it with ASR recharge, then compare 16 the flow characteristics, the flow from one cell to 17 the other cell, between the two, and that's 18 attributable to the recharge. And I have -- I know 19 the forms will be -- that this will be reported on 20 be prescribed by the chief engineer. I have just a 21 brief example. Go several ahead, please. What that 22 might look like. For a certain year you have index

cell numbers listed, and this is abbreviated just

for clarity on the slide, and for this example,

index cell one, two, three. Here we have the

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- . 1 previous credits from -- credits from the previous 2 year. In year one, it's zero. And then we have ASR 3 water in, going in to the spreadsheet, if you will, 4 and that's simply just metered water in, with so 5 many -- with so much volume going into the various 6 cells. Then we'll take out whatever is metered 7 coming out, and then we have to adjust for 8 underflow -- the net underflow due to the recharge. 9 This is not the total underflow, this is just the 10 net underflow, the net difference between the no 11 recharge and recharge. So this value will be just 12 attributed = this flow from flow out of cell one 13 will be attributed only to -- to the recharge 14 project, and that will be negative or positive. 15 Within that there will be an adjustment also for 16 evapotranspiration, the amount of evapotranspiration 17 due only to the recharge project. And then we've 18 summed those plus or minuses with what's -- well, 19 the previous year metered in, metered out, and then 20 what has either come in or lost with underflow and 21 ET, and that would be our proposed recharge credit 22 for that particular cell. That will be the sum for 23 the cell, and then we would propose that that value 24 or that -- those credits would be attributed to
- 1 time.

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- 2 A Right.
- 3 Q And what you're doing is measuring everything that 4 comes into the aquifer from all sorts of different
 - sources, and what goes out of the aquifer, and what
- 6 isn't accounted for otherwise is what's there as a
- 7 result of the recharge, is that correct?
 - A I didn't follow your question.
- 9 Q Okay. Well, see -- why don't you see if you can 10 just summarize in a sentence or two for us how the 11 model is used --
- 12 A Okay.
- 13 Q -- to give the accounting or the water balance 14 that's necessary.
- 15 A Okay. Great. There's multiple purposes for a 16 model. One, it can predict -- or is used to predict
- 17 water levels. And the second purpose of the model
- 18 the way we're using it is to keep track of water
- 19 budgets within cells, between cells. And we refined
- 20 the accuracy of those calculations by additional
- 21 calibration. So the better we calibrate it to water
- 22 levels, the more we're sure -- or the more positive
- 23 we are of a good fit or an accurate calculation of
- 24 the movement of water from one cell to the other.
- 25 In other words, we're more sure of the water budget

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1 designated recovery wells within that particular

designated -- just divided and distributed to

- 2 cell. We would -- I realize this is pretty
- 3 complicated. We would provide -- we would
- 4 anticipate that the reporting of this not only would
- 5 be a form similar to this, but it would include all
- 6 of the index accounting summaries, each of the
- 7 individual water balances, the -- the metered
- 8 values, the well pumpage that's obtained from the
- 9 water use reports from GMD or DWR, the precipitation
- 10 calculations, the river flow calculations, the
- 11 detailed zone budget for each of the index cells,
- 12 plus this summary, and then also a calibration
- 13 summary each year. As the water levels rise it may
- 14 be in a portion of the aquifer that may have more
- 15 storage or less storage, and so water levels may
- 17 the calibration is off, that provides more data for

rise or not rise quite as fast as we expect. And if

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- us to fine tune the model in greater detail.
- 19 Q Mr. Stous, I want to ask a question for myself, and
- 20 maybe other people will be interested, too. This
- 21 model, then, is a -- it's a predictive tool that's
- 22 based on -- it uses numerical formulas based on
- 23 measurements, is that right?
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Q Very detailed ones. And then you define them over

- that the model is telling us.
- 2 Q One of the issues defined in the prehearing order is
- 3 whether the water accounting system and model to be
- 4 used by Wichita is adequate to determine the
- 5 quantity of water recharged and the quantity of
- 6 water available for use by Wichita at a later time.
- 7 Is the model and accounting system you described
- 8 adequate to that end?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q And can you briefly tell us how you know it has that
- 11 level of accuracy?
- 12 A Well, through the calibration process, the closeness
- 13 of it with the measured and predicted water levels
- 14 is one method. The model has -- the water budgets
- 15 have been reported as very low discrepancy, so
- 16 that's a good sign that the model is more accurately
 - predicting what the flow from one cell to another
- 18 cell is.

- 19 Q All right. Issue number eight of the prehearing
- 20 order asks whether the modifications that are
- 21 contained in the applications of the city and in the
- 22 new application to appropriate water necessitate
- 23 changes to the city's groundwater and accounting
- 24 model. Are you familiar, first of all, with the
- 25 changes described in the new applications and the

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1 2 3 4 5 6	modifications of those other applications? A Generally, yes. Q Is the model and the accounting system you described adequate to address the changes and modifications and the additional application? A Yes.	1 2 3 4 5 6	 A I believe the deficit now is less than 200, but I think at the time of the 1993 period, I believe it's in the neighborhood of 250. Q So, now, by as a result of reduced pumping, reduced usage, it's being in effect, it's lower than the 200 is what you're saying.
7	MR. HINKLE: Mr. Pope, I have no further	7	A It's less than 200, is my recollection.
8	questions.	8	Q And I gather you feel, probably with great
9	CROSS-EXAMINATION	9	justification, that the model with regard to the
10	BY MR. ADRIAN:	10	movement of the salt plumes has given us a fairly
11	Q I'd like to start with the yes, with that exhibit	11	accurate prediction of what can happen without some
12	that's on the screen, which is I gather just a	12	intervention of some kind.
13	sample or a for instance	13	A Yes. Based on the other report, on the USGS and
14	A A for instance, yes.	14	Bureau of Reclamation reports, I feel that that's
15	Q Yes, that you gave us. My question really is in the	15	correct, yes.
16 17	second to the right-hand column where I think it showed a negative 178.9.	16 17	Q And that intervention can be either recharge or it can be reduced usage.
18	A Yes, in that example.	18	A Yes.
19	Q Yeah. Where did that go?	19	MR. ADRIAN: Just a moment. No other
20	A That is water that's moving out of cell two.	20	questions.
21	Q By what you call the underflow?	21	HEARING OFFICER POPE: Any redirect,
22	A By the underflow.	22	Mr. Hinkle?
23	Q It's just being lost.	23	MR. HINKLE: Thank you, no redirect.
24	A It's moving from one cell to another cell.	24	HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Rolfs?
25	Q So	25	MR. ROLFS: I don't believe I have any
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1	A It's not being lost.	1	questions.
2	Q So it really reduces the amount of recharge credit	2	HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Bagley?
3	that the city would have as to that cell.	3	MR. BAGLEY: No.
4	A As to that cell.	4	EXAMINATION
5	Q But it may be added to another cell someplace	5	BY HEARING OFFICER POPE:
6	A That's correct.	6	Q Just a brief one, Mr. Stous, from me. Mr. Adrian
7	Q is what you're saying.	7	asked you about the use of the model I believe in
8 9	A That's correct. Q When we refer to an accounting system, I normally	8	terms of sort of assumed accuracy based on the model itself. Is there not a way to further validate the
10	think of audit, and in what I'm hearing you say in	10	model if you compare water levels that are actual
11	regard to testing the accuracy of this accounting	11	measurements in the index cells in the index wells
12	system there is no real way to audit it. Is that	12	compared to what the model would actually predict,
13	fair to say? What I'm hearing you say, if I could	13	however, in terms of what's in storage in any given
14	summarize it a little differently, what I'm hearing	14	cell?
15	you say is because this model is accurate where we	15	A Yes, sir, that's trying to I guess that is
16	can check it against reality, then we can presume	16	possible. We did compare the model with actual
17	that it's accurate on these measures. Is that a	17	index well measurements for 19 I mean, sorry,
18	fair statement?	18	2002. We had I think about a four foot I forget
19	A I believe so, if I understand your question.	19	the exact number absolute mean difference. We

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Q Also -- and now I'm referring to -- well, it's

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equus beds aquifer. That's the crossing red and

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have not yet calibrated the model with the index

authorization to do that pending the permits, then

we'll continue to calibrate and refine the model to

try to narrow that difference between predicted and

well geology. That's -- we're awaiting

actual measured water levels.

2 actual. But what that doesn't tell you in an 3 absolute sense is how much of that change in water 4 level is credits versus just water in storage? 5 A No, I think by using the comparative method, by 6 using the nonrecharge and then compare that with the 7 recharge values, we can determine how much of the 8 credits move from one cell to the next cell. 9 Q Okay. 10 A It's a post processing of both of those data that 11 goes into a database to summarize the total amount 12 out of one cell, total amount in the next cell. 13 Q You would agree that having actual measurements of 14 water levels and measured recharge and measured

Q So you will be able to compare predicted versus

17 A Definitely. Yes, definitely.

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HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Hinkle, where are you in terms of your witness list?

MR. HINKLE: Mr. Pope, I have no further witnesses. As I requested earlier this morning, I'd like to hold the conclusion of our case pending the testimony of Mr. Dealy. I also need to move for admission of all of the exhibits that the city has

presented either in this hearing or in the

pumping are critical to being able to assess this

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              HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Adrian?
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              MR. ADRIAN: I have no objection.
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              HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Without
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       objection, those exhibits will be admitted. I think
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       the record will be sufficiently clear without having
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       to enumerate those at this point, so thank you.
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           Mr. Adrian, are you ready to proceed, then, at
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              MR. ADRIAN: I am ready or --
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             HEARING OFFICER POPE: Do we need a brief
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             MR. ADRIAN: Let's take a brief break, if
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       that would be all right.
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             HEARING OFFICER POPE: Why don't we do a
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       brief break. We're going to -- I don't know --
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       we'll see how this goes. I think there's some
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       people that hopefully we can -- maybe we can get
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       through this and we'll just see how that goes.
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       About 10 minutes. Thank you.
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                (There was a recess from 4:33 p.m.
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                to 4:41 p.m. Further proceedings
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                contained in Volume II.)
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HEARING OFFICER POPE: We're going to reconvene. Let me provide one reminder for those in the audience. As I indicated earlier this morning, maybe perhaps some of you came in after those opening comments, but we do have scheduled a public comment hearing -- portion of the hearing for this evening at 7:00 p.m. If there are those of you that would like to make comments at that time and have not signed up at the desk with Steve over here, raise your hand. You can do that at any point. At this point we only have two people that have signed up to make statements this evening, but if there are those of you that would like to do that and have not done so, please let him know and we'll try to accommodate that. That will help us determine our schedule in terms of whether we reconvene after that or whether we -- you know, how we do this, so thank you very much for that.

With that, Mr. Adrian, I will ask you to call your first witness.

MR. ADRIAN: Before I do, I want to offer into evidence the three principal items that we had submitted much earlier, which are the recommendations of the district that have obviously been supplied to all parties, the recommendation and

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report of Carl Nuzman, which likewise has been supplied to all parties, and then the memorandum of understanding with its attachment A. I'm doing that -- those have all been available to all parties for some time.

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In addition to that -- I think those should be identified as District Exhibits 1, 2 and 3, and then I would suggest the admission also of Exhibit 4 which is the response that we filed this morning with you to the motion to modify.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I believe those documents are well known perhaps to all the parties.

MR. HINKLE: Certainly. No objection.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I'm not so sure that some of these may already be in some of the other -- are these all found in, for example, the DWR -- the last item I know would not be, but -we'll identify these separately, because these are documents we want to make sure that there's no question about what's being referred to.

MR. ADRIAN: I would prefer that if you would.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Let's identify though four as 1, 2, 3 and 4 as you identified those, Mr. Adrian -- Mr. -- yes, Mr. Adrian, and

1 Q Would you state your name, address and current

2 employment.

3 A Michael T. Dealy. I'm employed with Equus Beds 4 Groundwater Management District at 313 Spruce 5 Street, Halstead, Kansas.

6 Q How long have you held that position?

A I've served as manager since May of 1984. 7

8 Q What training do you have that you utilize in

9 fulfilling those work requirements?

10 A I received degrees in -- from Wichita State 11 University in 1976, bachelor of science degree from

12 Fort Hays State University in 1979. I began my

13 career in groundwater management as a staff

14 hydrologist for Groundwater Management District

15 Number 3 in Garden City, Kansas and before taking

16 the post here in 1984 as manager.

17 Q During those -- the years in that position with the

18 Groundwater Management District have you had an

19 occasion to examine and evaluate applications to

20 appropriate water?

21 A Yes, I have. My groundwater management experience

22 includes work with individual groundwater users and

23 permit holders, cooperative groundwater studies and

24 regulatory efforts with state and federal agencies.

25 I've been active in developing new groundwater

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then we can deal with them later in regard to their

MR. ADRIAN: Very good.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Unless there's --

MR. ADRIAN: I understood there was no objection.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: If there's no objection to those --

MR. HINKLE: That's right.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: -- we'll just go ahead and admit those and then we'll have that taken care of.

MR. ADRIAN: Very good. Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Those four will be admitted.

MR. ADRIAN: And I call Mike Dealy. And with your permission we've moved the podium over near be the projector so that his remote control that isn't so remote will operate the projector.

20 We're ready.

21 MICHAEL T. DEALY, 22 called as a witness, having been first duly 23 swom, testified as follows:

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25 BY MR. ADRIAN: protection, remediation, reclamation and recharge

initiatives with local, state and federal agencies.

3 And specifically my specialties include aquifer

4 storage and recovery, delineation of well and

5 protection areas and groundwater remediation of oil

6 field brine. In addition to that I've authored and 7

coauthored several reports on the Ogallala equus

8 beds in the Dakota aquifer.

9 Q During the testimony previously given this morning 10 and this afternoon there was reference made with

11 some frequency to contacts with the Groundwater

12 Management District, referring to District Number 2.

13 When that would occur by the city or their

14 consultants, was that contact primarily with you and

15 then secondarily with your staff?

16 A Mostly on occasion we would work with city staff or

17 their consultants. There also was contact by city

18 staff with the board of directors when there were

19 policy issues to be discussed and agreed to.

20 Q In your capacity as manager of the district, have

21 you had an occasion to examine the applications that

22 have been filed by the city of Wichita and which are

23 the subject matter of this hearing today, those

24 delineated on the slide projector on the north wall

25 here, have you had occasion to examine those?

- 1 A Yes, I have.
- 2 Q And as a result of that examination, have you made
- 3., recommendations that were initially shown to the
- 4 board of directors of the district and then
- 5 eventually to the chief engineer?
- 6 A That's correct.
- 7 Q And are you prepared today to provide to those
- 8 assembled here your analysis of those applications
- 9 and your recommendations?
- 10 A That is correct. The modifications that were made
- 11 to the four applications that we received with the
- 12 city of Wichita's motion to modify, reapplication
- 13 and then the introduction of a new application
- 14 converting a recharge basin to a recharge well.
- 15 Q Could you describe for us the process simply in
- 16 steps now that were taken once you received the
- 17 initial applications which I think were in the
- 18 spring of this year.

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- 19 A The initial 10 applications we received basically
 - were provided to the district staff hydrologist and
- 21 we went through -- excuse me -- the staff
- 22 hydrologist went through to develop the list of
- 23 concerns, issues, and items that needed to be
- 24 discussed with myself. After that, a list of
- 25 background data -- excuse me -- background data was

- A That is correct. There were some modifications made 2
 - to the district recommendations that were included
- 3 in attachment A of the memorandum of understanding 4 between the district and the city.
- 5 Q Then with the permission of the hearing officer I'd
- 6 like to invite you to proceed with a description of
- 7 your analysis of those applications much in the same
- 8 manner as was done rather than using questions and
- 9 answers.

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HEARING OFFICER POPE: That would be fine.

- 12 A Thank you. In looking at the upper storage and
- 13 recharge area, we need to basically kind of look at
- 14 the position of it in relationship to South Central
- 15 Kansas, and you can see basically that the areas
- 16 within the four county area of Harvey, Sedgwick,
- 17 Reno and McPherson Counties. Our district
- 18 boundaries are shown by the solid blue line. Of
- 19 interest is the Burrton intensive groundwater use
- 20 control area that is located to the west of the
- 21 recharge -- or the recharge -- or aquifer storage
- 22 and recharge facility, and then another area, a
- 23 special water quality use area, to the north there
- 24 covers parts of three counties; and both of those
- 25 areas were developed by the district and the chief

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- 1 prepared, and nearby data assets that we had were
 - also included into the mix in the review of those
- 3 applications. From that a list of conditions that
- 4 we felt were necessary in order to meet the concerns
- 5 of the staff as well as the board of directors.
- 6 Q When was that presented to the board of directors?
- 7. A The board of directors basically was presented that
- 8 information at a public meeting held in Wichita
- 9 earlier this year, I believe it was in October or
- 10 November.
- 11 Q There was a public hearing held in Wichita I think
- 12 that was earlier than that, was it not? I think
- 13 that was in July.
- 14 A I could defer to that.
- 15 Q All right. Sometime.
- 16 A Exactly. It had to be in July because we basically
- 17 sent in our recommendations to the chief engineer
- 18 about August 14th, so I do correct that. It was
- 19 probably in July.
- 20 Q The recommendations that you made were later
- modified by a Memorandum of Understanding and an 21
- 22 attachment A that was a matter of -- results of a
- 23 meeting between the district, the district
- 24 consultant, you, and representatives of the city.
- 25 Was it not modified in that way?

engineer due to oil field brine contamination that occurred beginning back in the 1930s through the

- 3 1960s. The Little Ark River is located as is shown
- 4 there, and then we have the seven bank storage wells
- 5 that are located approximately where the black 6 square is located along the Little Ark River. And
- 7 then the four aquifer storage and recovery wells are
 - located as shown there with the oval circle.
- 9 We're going to window in on this area and take 10 a closer look. Looking at the bank storage wells, 11 we're going to window in on this area. Before I do,
- 12 let me go back and kind of give a brief description 13 of this area. You can see the bank storage wells
- 14 there shown by the black dots, and then there is a
- 15 proposed transmission line shown by the green line, 16 and then there are the aquifer storage and recovery
- 17 wells, the initial wells that were filed and were
- 18 included in our August 14th review. And the red
- 19 line is the eastern extent of the Burrton intensive
- 20 groundwater use control area, and the yellow
- 21 square -- excuse me -- yellow cross that you see
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- there located along the Little Ark River
- 23 approximately right there we'll be referring to as 24
- the U.S. 50 Halstead gage that is installed and 25 operated by the U.S. Geological Survey. The blue

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triangles that you see there are nondomestic wells or base flow nodes, and then we have a series of monitoring wells throughout the area that have been established by the district.

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Windowing on the bank storage area, you can see the initial wells, the seven bank storage wells that were filed with the initial set of applications. They're numbered DW1 through DW7. You can see the associated permit application numbers associated with each of the bank storage wells. In addition to that, the domestic wells that we are aware of based on our knowledge of the area are shown with the black square around them, and then any monitoring well assets that are in the area are shown with the whatever -- red circle and label. There are two in the area, EB143, to the upper left, and then down at the lower left is IW3. The city of Wichita is proposing to basically take advantage of the relationship of the Little Ark River to the equus beds aquifer and use available water through a natural phenomenon called bank storage. In general, most of the time the relationship of equus beds aquifer to the river is that of a base flow condition. In other words, the aquifer is discharging to the river, and the reason for that is

In essence, the hydraulic connection from the stream bed and banks through each bank storage well must be significant -- sufficient to transmit bank storage water from the bed and banks of the stream to each bank storage well at a rate sufficient to sustain the authorized rate of diversion for the well. And that's important because we certainly don't want those wells pumping ground water that is not classified as bank storage water. So that's going to be one of the critical questions that we

This slide illustrates the bank storage well at the Halstead demonstration site. If you look in the upper right-hand corner, where it's kind of dark back there, that would be the proximity of where the river is. So you can see that that bank storage well is very close to the Little Ark River, and that's the key to siting these bank storage wells.

August 12th -- and I apologize, I said
August 14th, but it's August 12th of '04 the
district submitted recommendations to the chief
engineer. Those seven applications for the bank
storage wells were recommended for approval subject
to specific conditions that were listed in our
recommendation to the chief engineer, and the

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that the aquifer's water table is above the bottom of the river channel and, therefore, you're going to get discharge into the river as shown by this generalized cross-section of the river. When we get a condition known as above base flow stage, as shown there by the yellow arrow, and above the base flow stage shown by the white dashed line, we begin to achieve what's called bank storage. And bank storage is defined, as we've heard earlier, by K.A.R. 5-1-1(i), and I won't go over that, but essentially, in laymen's terms, what you have a reversal of the flow grade. It's the river is now pushing water out into the banks and into the aquifer, and it's going to be temporarily stored there as long as we continue to maintain that head difference in the river as opposed to the aquifer. And as the river flow gets greater and the river flow gets longer in duration, you're going to see bank storage begin to develop and move outwardly away from the river.

At that point the city of Wichita wants to take advantage of this phenomena and basically put in seven bank storage wells at that site, have them operated at times when we get that above base flow stage condition. provision of the district in the city's Memorandum of Understanding.

And I'll go through these in general, but basically all bank storage wells must be equipped with a water meter, they must be within 300 feet of the Little Arkansas River channel, the maximum diversion rate for each well be limited to 1,000 gallons a minute, and the wells cannot operate when the river is at base flow, and that's an important fact about this whole project, the one that makes it unique nationwide. The city must establish a groundwater monitoring network at the site. That's another important item that needs to be done, because without this site data, it's going to be hard to answer those questions that the public as well as the regulatory agencies have about the bank storage diversion sites. The city must conduct aguifer tests to determine each well's capture zone. Another important fact and condition that was made part of our recommendation to the chief engineer. The water level monitoring shall have a frequency not to exceed six hours, so we're going to get a very close detailed look at what the water level

conditions are doing there throughout that bank

storage area. This is another important fact to

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make sure that we're able to address the questions that the public have about this as well as the regulatory agencies have.

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Water quality data shall include chemical, biological, physical and radiological data. We're covering all aspects of quality for that water. The well shall be constructed to divert bank storage water. That's important, because we don't want it diverting from ground water from the equus beds. Wells cannot divert water from the lower zone if not hydraulically connected. That's another critical fact that we need to determine through these aquifer pump tests. And diverted bank storage well must meet KDHE -- excuse me -- the diverted bank storage well must meet KDHE recharge standards to put the water back into the aquifer. And then the city must report to the district or the chief engineer monthly for the first year. So we're going to get to me really detailed data in on the first year of operation there, and that's going to answer a lot of the questions that we have and also the public has.

On or about November 2nd of this year the city of Wichita filed a modification motion with the chief engineer requesting the locations of the proposed points of diversion for applications 45,569

storage events that occurred during that period of time, and that can be quantified by the data being collected by that transducer from that well. Furthermore, we can go up to the Alta Mills stream gage that is installed and operated by the U.S. Geological Survey and then compare basically the water levels between the flow in the river at the Alta Mills stream gage, which would be north of RDB143, and then look at the water levels there in EB143. And if you notice, the correlation between the bumps there or the rise in the water levels, between when the river flows and the rises in the EB143 well. What this is showing is that there is a hydraulic connection between those two entities, the river and EB143. Again, this data can be used -this method can be used also to quantify the bank storage site that the city is planning to put in. This is very basic data but very critical to answering a lot of our questions.

What I wanted to show you here is the bank

Also with the applications the city has supplied us with lithologic logs. As you see there, the cross-section runs from A to A prime, and we'll show you that cross-section showing the lithologic, the generalized lithologic logs for those bank

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and 45,572 are moved to improve the quality of bank storage water diverted by the two bank storage wells. I believe there was an issue about the arsenic concentrations that we'll get into here in just a little bit. The two north sites, as you can see there and highlighted by the proposed well locations basically are along the western side of section A, more described as being probably in the west side of the northwest quarter of that section.

Let me go back here real quick and point this out, I pointed it out previously, but all things being equal, if you look up to the upper left-hand corner, you'll see EB143. That's one of data assets for collecting not only water quality but water levels. This next slide basically shows you the hydrograph for that well between August of 2003 and July of 2004. And the line that you see there basically is not really a line, they're actual points that were taken by a water level transducer sensor that was put in that well and installed. I believe the -- the period for collecting the water levels was set in the transducer to every four or four to six hours of data. So really those are points that you see of water level measurements there instead of a line.

storage wells.

The initial locations at the south end of the cross-section are shown there by the end two logs, and then the new locations are shown with the respective application numbers. Now, this is a generalized lithologic log. We went in and took a look at some basic factors: The top soil and the clay and the sand and the shale. Now, the clay basically is going to consist of clay, sandy clay, silty clay, clay silt, but in general, it's not going to have -- it's going to have a lower permeability and transmissivity than the sand unit, and the sand unit can be anything from fine sand, medium sand or course sand.

We're going to overlay the general location of the stream channel of the Little Ark there shown by the green line, and then we'll overlay the general location, approximate location of the water table for the equus beds aquifer. Basically what we're finding there is that the subsurface geology and the area hydrology are the same when you compare the southern two locations -- the southern locations to the northern locations at those sites.

The city had in their modification motion had basically advised that they were doing this because

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of the arsenic concentration or concentrations in the southern end. The data that is showing up there, the arsenic shown with the blue flag is for the upper zone of the aquifer, and then the red flag denotes the arsenic concentration in the lower zone of the aquifer there at index well number three. The city has supplied us with arsenic concentrations for those two southern wells, DW1 and DW2, and there are the concentrations of arsenic in parts per billion.

As we move on up to the new locations, you can see that concentrations compared to that site lowered to 8.4 parts per billion, and then when you move up to the DW9 site they're 6.7. Now, the red flag indicates this is in the lower zone of the aquifer. Blue flags indicate that they're in the upper zone. We didn't get any data about the quality of the arsenic in the upper zones. We did grab a sample of water last month from EB143 and had it analyzed for arsenic concentrations by a state certified lab here in Kansas, a lab certified with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. RDB143 is completed in what we would determine in the upper zone or about 59 feet total depth.

Arsenic concentrations there were less than one part

groundwater conditions and water levels there and water quality. What we're proposing to do is basically move that well in the southeast corner essentially up to the northwest corner, and then move the well that you -- is down there located by those domestic wells, move that up basically just south of the river and just near DW9. Again, we're going to form actually now two cross-sections that we can get going from IW3 north, straight north, and then IW3 over to the -- from the southwest to the northeast, still keeping three monitoring wells on the east side of the river to determine quality conditions and levels there.

The district board of directors recommended to the chief engineer that the applications 45,569 and 45,572 be approved subject to the conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding and to the following conditions, and basically that the location of the proposed point of diversion for the application 45,569 be approved at this location as described there, and then the location for 45,572 as described there, we'd move those to the north end of their bank storage line of wells. That the wells must be positioned within 300 feet of the center line of the Little Ark River, and that each bank storage well

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per billion.

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Another fact that you can consider in this move is that moving those two bank storage wells to the north also increases the spacing between the domestic wells as represented by the black squares that you see there and the arrows are pointing to. In general, we find that the move is going to increase spacing to domestic wells, improve the quality of diverted bank storage water in the lower zone when you are considering the arsenic levels. The proposed locations are in the same section. The move is subject to the August 12th approval conditions and also to the MOU provisions, and that we would also have to reconfigure the monitoring network for the bank storage site.

And this next slide basically will show you what we are proposing here. The circles with the -- the blue circles that we are showing there are the proposed monitoring well sites for the upper and lower zones that you see there. What we tried to do is also hook up and form a cross-section with EB103 all the way kind of tilting from southwest to northeast to get a good cross-section there, and then we wanted to put some wells along the back side or on the east side of the river to determine

shall have a maximum pumping rate not to exceed 1,000 gallons per minute and that each bank storage well be equipped with a water meter pursuant to district regulations, and that the operation of the bank storage well shall not impair existing water rights nor prejudicially affect the public interest. That the bank storage wells diversion -- that the bank storage water diverted by the bank storage well shall comply with the source water regulation 5-1-1(sss), and the aquifer's draw-down limit in any zone, upper or lower, will not exceed 10 feet at a distance of 660 feet from any bank storage well on either side of the Little Ark River, and that the bank storage wells basically comply with K.A.R. 5-22-17(a)(2) and they also comply with 5-22-17(a)(3).

The stream flow data collected from the U.S. geological stream gage number 07143672 located along the Little Arkansas River at Highway 50 near Halstead, Kansas shall be used the determine stream flow conditions and shall be adjusted for intervening base flow nodes and existing surface water rights to determine the operation of the bank storage well. What we're saying here, that that gage is located south of the bank storage well site,

and that between that gage and the north end of that bank storage facility, we have intervening base flow nodes that that discharge needs to be accounted for, and then there are some existing surface water users that need to be accounted for when we determine when base flow is -- base flow occurs, and then when above base flow conditions occur. A bank storage well shall operate only during a bank storage event in the Little Arkansas River as determined by measured river flow and evidence correlating to increase of river stage to the increase of the water level in the bank storage wells or the adjacent monitoring wells. And that's part of that basic data that I just showed you with EB143 and the Little Ark River.

A bank storage well shall not be operated during base flow conditions. And for the purpose of the permit condition, base flow is defined as flows in the Little Arkansas River equal to or less than 20 cubic feet per second during the months of October 1 through March 31st, and equal to or less than 57 cubic feet per second during the months of April 1 through September 30th.

The operation of a bank storage well shall be limited to and subject to measured stream flow equal

Based on the findings and conclusions of the Division of Water Resources and the district, a bank storage well shall be constructed to allow only withdrawal of bank storage water.

A groundwater monitoring network shall be completed at the bank storage site as shown on attachment A and shall include existing monitoring wells IW03, EB143 and EB144. Monitoring wells in the network are drilled and completed at depths correlating to the upper and lower zones of the aquifer for water sample collection, water level measurements and testing purposes, and to establish baseline ambient groundwater quality prior to bank storage withdrawal. Water quality analysis should be completed at the applicant's expense for samples collected from domestic wells located within one-quarter mile of a bank storage well, the proposed bank storage well, then all monitoring wells located at the bank storage diversion site.

The quality of surface water induced by bank storage well into the banks of the Little Ark River shall not degrade the ambient groundwater quality in the bank storage withdrawal area. And storage water shall meet or exceed the minimum drinking water standards specified by the Kansas Department of

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to 75 cfs plus the authorized rate of each bank storage well from April 1 to September 30th, and 20 cfs plus the additional authorized rate of each bank storage well from October 1 to March 31st. This will allow the wells to be staggered in. Because if -- once we reach say bank -- above base flow conditions, maybe the conditions are such that if you turn all seven wells on it's going to drop the stream flow below this 57 or 20 cubic feet per second and deplete the stream. This condition right here will allow each well to be started only when it satisfies those flow conditions, plus its own diversion rate.

The applicant shall conduct an aquifer pump test to determine the bank storage well's capture zone, the hydraulic connection between aquifer's upper and lower zones at the bank storage wells, and submit said data and test results to the Division of Water Resources and the district within a specific time period.

No water shall be pumped from the lower unit of the aquifer by any bank storage well if determined by the Division of Water Resources and the district that a hydraulic connection does not exist between the aquifer's upper and lower zones. Page 273

Health and Environment for artificial recharge. The applicant shall submit a water level and water quality monitoring plan for review and comment by the district and approval by the chief engineer, Division of Water Resources. The monitoring of the quality of the source water shall include necessary chemical, physical, radiological and biological data and include continuous monitoring of but not limited to specific conductants, pH, turbidity, dissolved oxygen and temperature. Water level monitoring at the bank storage site shall be automated with a frequency not to exceed six hours. The applicant shall submit a water field operation monitoring and reporting plan for review and comment by the district and approval by the chief engineer of the Division of Water Resources, and the operational plan shall include utilization of monitoring wells and the stream flow monitoring gage in an automated system.

Bank storage diversion quantities, aquifer injection quantities, water level data, and water quality analysis shall be reported to the chief engineer and the district as follows: Each month for the first year of operation, each calendar quarter for the second year of operation, and by

March 1 each year thereafter.

Looking at the aquifer storage and recovery well applications 45,567, 45,568, and 45,576, August 12th of this year the district submitted a recommendation to the chief engineer, the three applications were recommended for approval subject to specific conditions and the provisions of the district and city's MOU. On or about November 2nd of this year the city of Wichita filed a modification motion with the chief engineer requesting the location of that proposed point of diversion for application 45,567 was moved about 200 feet north of the proposed point of diversion for site access. The proposed location does not comply with well spacing regulation. It is about 1,120 feet from an existing irrigation well authorized by permit 41,812.

Kind of give you the big picture or view here, we're looking at the aquifer storage and recovery wells in this area. Windowing in on that area, we find the black squares represent the aquifer storage and recovery wells filed by those three applications. This is a typical example of a construction design for a recharge and recovery well. The injection side of the well is shown by

this is the initial ASR well location shown by the black square. The applicant proposes to move it across the road about 200 feet. At that point we come into a well placing regulation issue with an irrigation permit 41,812 shown there with the blue flag and the blue triangle. This slide gives you kind of an overall view of the area that they're putting the three ASR wells in. The red dots represent the oil field activities from the records of the Kansas Corporation Commission. As you can see, they tend to get denser as you get west of that area. Also we've outlined -- we identified oil field brine plumes within the Burrton control area and the Burrton control area is shown by the red line there.

to be moved is highlighted by the green flag, and

We've calibrated these oil field brine plumes that we've identified. This is the upper plume in green, and then we've also put in the three recharge basins that will complete phase one for the city's recharge facilities there. The yellow is shown with the middle plume, the oil field brine contamination in the middle zone of the aquifer, and then the red one is the oil field brine plume in the lower portion of the aquifer.

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those tubes located along the side -- sides of the casing of the ASR well and shown by the blue line there. The withdrawal side is shown by the blue arrow there that connects to the pump column of your pump there and your turbine down in the well casing.

The ASR well -- and this is data that we collected and received during the Halstead recharge demonstration project -- the ASR well is located right there in that little tiny black dot shown by that blue flag there. During the operations this slide shows you that there was about a five-foot hydraulic head between the recharge well and about four to 500 feet radius from that well, so you can see the mounding effect that was taking place and can be quantified by the monitoring wells that were installed as part of this demonstration project and are shown on the figure there by the black dots.

Here's a picture of the demonstration recharge well. Again, you can see the discharge pipe there that goes down into the well, and then you can see the three injection tubes or piping there on each side around the sides of the cement post there.

The three applications that were filed and we commented on, recommendations back in August of this year, are shown there. The one ASR well that needs ,

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The idea is for the city of Wichita to develop a hydraulic head along that line to basically to slow up and retard the movement of the oil field brine into -- further to the east and to the southeast. And the reason for -- that is the reason for lining up those ASR wells and recharge basins in that configuration.

You notice up here, I'm pointing out the black dots here, are the seven bank storage wells that basically connect to a pipeline and come down through here. Although I don't show it, it's my understanding there will be a pipeline that extends on down to the southernmost recharge basin. Our original April 12th recommendation developed a monitoring plan as shown here. We proposed that there be a monitoring well located at a radius away from the ASR well. The first set of wells would be 330 feet north, east, south and west, and then from there we would step off and set in another line of wells 660 feet behind the 330 foot wells. In addition to that, we were also going to include the IW5 site location which is going to be about over -a little over maybe a quarter to a half mile to the west of that location.

We'll need to adjust that slightly, and

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basically what I think it's going to amount to is moving everything 200 feet north along the north-south access. The east-west access wells probably can remain the same, but there will have to be a slight adjustment for the proposed site monitoring network for the ASR well.

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Recommendations that the district board made to the chief engineer on this application 45,567 and the proposed move, they recommended that it be approved subject to the Memorandum of Understanding and to the following conditions, and that it be moved to the point that is in the southwest southwest southwest of Section 24, 23, 2 west near a point 105 feet north and 5,195 feet west of the southeast corner of said section. That any future application to change the point of diversion for that ASR well shall comply with the minimum well space requirements set forth in the well spacing regulation.

That except for normal well maintenance requirements, back flushing, diversion of water from the ASR well shall not be permitted from June 1 to September 30th of each calendar year. That was put in there by the board to ensure that there won't be any direct impairment from that ASR well if it

Page 280 level evaluations, especially throughout the basin

storage area and to determine the maximum volume of

3 basin storage area, the storage available for

4 recovery based on authorized accounting methodology

5 and approved conditions of the permit. This slide

6 shows you the basin storage area as identified with

the solid black line going around there, and within

8 that basin storage area it has been subdivided into

9 four square mile units, and each one assigned a

10 subunit number, beginning up here in the upper

11 left-hand corner with IWI and then numbering across

12 to IW3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and so on, down to

13 the last subunit IW38. Basin area is about

92,000 -- 92,720 acres in area. Recommendations to

15 the chief engineer on application 45,567 be approved

16 subject to the Memorandum of Understanding and the

17 following conditions: That the KGS bulletin 79,

18 water level data, that that the highest index water 19

level shall be limited to either the predevelopment 20

water table measurement or the computed water level gradient, and a minimum depth of 10 feet below land 21

surface at the point of lowest land surface

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23 elevation in that subdivision unit number 5. So 24

what we're saying here is that we're going to go out

and find the area of lowest elevation in that

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starts up and pumps withdrawal water during the irrigation season from June 1 to September 30th.

The bank storage area shall be defined in compliance with the regulation 5-1-1(k), specifying the portion of the aquifer's unsaturated zone used for aquifer that has defined horizontal boundaries and is delimited by the highest and lowest index water level elevation. That a monitoring well network is established using the Kansas Geological Survey methodology to determine index water levels in each water budget accounting unit. I'll just refer to this and to the subdivision unit from here on out, and the monitoring water levels for water balance calculations and determination of recharge credits.

As determined by the Kansas Geological Survey the basin storage area is divided into 38 water budget subunits, and each unit is assigned an index number as shown on attachment B. That the monitoring of the hydrologic conditions in the basin storage area shall include water levels, water quality, water use, water storage, water recovery, precipitation, basic data access and operational reports. That index water levels are established in compliance with K.A.R. 5-1-1(00) to designate water

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1 subunit, and then we're going to say that that unit, 2 we're looking at 10 feet below that unit to put in

the maximum index level for that unit. And then we

have to compute what the gradient would be back to

the I index well, in this case IW5, and set that as

5 6 the maximum level, highest level, index level. The

7 lowest index level shall be determined by the rule

8 and regulation 5-12-1(b)(2) and the highest level

9 based on the conditions in paragraph 9 shall be set

10 at 1,425 feet above mean sea level, and that's based

on predevelopment water level for index well number 11

12 5, as determined by the data in KGS survey bulletin

13 79. Water level monitoring data from index well 5

14 shall be used to compute the water budgets and

15 determine recharge credits. The total volume of the

basin storage area shall be calculated in acre feet

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17 utilizing the established highest and lowest index

18 levels for each water budget accounting unit, and,

19 B, the area of the basin storage area, and, C, the

20 storage coefficient of the aquifer in each 21 accounting unit.

22 The water balance to determine change in the 23 basin storage area shall be calculated where total 24 inflow minus total outflow equals a change in 25 groundwater storage, and that inflow data utilized

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in the water balance calculation shall include natural recharge, groundwater and stream inflow, artificial recharge, and any other source of water deemed inflow by the district or by the Division of Water Resources. Passive recharge shall not be considered as inflow and shall be excluded from any water balance calculations. The outflow data utilized in the water balance calculations shall include evapotranspiration, base flow, groundwater and stream outflow, nondomestic water use, and again any other source of water deemed outflow by the district or the Division of Water Resources.

The proposed recovery of water artificially recharged by the operator of the aquifer storage and recovery system shall only occur when recharge credits are determined to be available for that index site or subbasin. To determine recharge credits for the proposed ASR applications, and that means all three of them, shall be computed through water balance methodology utilizing index data from water budget accounting or water subunits 1 through 10 and that credit for passive recharge shall be prohibited.

A monitoring well network is installed at the applicant's expense to monitor the ASR well and

water quality standards for affluent are approved by the department for organic and inorganic compounds, pesticides and bacteria, and that water recharged to the aquifer through the ASR well shall comply with source water regulation 5-1-1(s).

Water recharged to the aquifer shall either comply with U.S. EPA protection -- excuse me -- U.S. EPA and KDHE safe drinking water standards or meet the ambient water quality at the recharge site, whichever is better, as determined by the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The quality of recharged water injected into the aquifer through the ASR well shall not degrade the ambient groundwater quality in the basin storage area. To establish that baseline, groundwater quality prior to bank storage withdrawal or an ASR injection, water quality analysis shall be completed at the applicant's expense for samples collected from domestic wells located within one-quarter mile of the ASR well, the ASR well and all monitoring wells located at the ASR sites. The recharge system is constructed, operated and monitored to prevent groundwater contamination, and the city shall provide to the district a final report containing a description and scale map of the as-built aquifer

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shall include existing monitoring well site IW05. Monitoring wells are drilled and completed at depths correlating to the recharge and recovery zone of the aquifer for water sample collection, water level measurements and testing purposes. Monitoring well sites are completed at spacing distance of 330 feet and 660 feet north, south, east and west of the ASR well. The water level monitoring of the ASR well should be automated with a frequency not to exceed six hours. Before installation of ASR well, the applicant shall submit a water level and water quality monitoring plan to the district for review and comment and to the chief engineer for approval.

That water quality monitoring plan shall include all necessary chemical, physical, radiological and biological data and include continuous monitoring of but not limited to specific conductance, pH, turbidities, dissolved oxygen and temperature. The proposed ASR well is equipped with water meters to separately and accurately record the total flow of water injected and diverted from the ASR well and that the water meter installation shall comply with district regulations. The use of the ASR well is authorized by the Department of Health and Environment as a class 5 UIC well, and minimum

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storage and recovery system, the diversion quantities, aquifer injection qualities, water level data, water quality analysis shall be reported to the chief engineer and the district each month for the first year, each calendar quarter for the second year, and by March 1 of each year thereafter. The operation of the proposed well shall not impair existing water rights or prejudicially affect the public interest, and when it is determined by the chief engineer that impairment of an existing prior right was caused by the ASR well the city agrees to either regulate the ASR well's diversion to secure water to satisfy the needs of a prior right or any other requirement as specified by the chief engineer.

In regards to the city's motion to add a aquifer storage and recovery well under application 46,081. That on or about November 2 the city did file that motion to convert a recharge basin to an aquifer storage and recovery well in the city's aquifer storage and recovery system. The applicant proposes to treat recharge water to the equus beds aquifer through the well for aquifer storage and recovery. The applicant has indicated that water will be diverted from the well for well maintenance

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1 purposes only and has requested a maximum quantity 2 of 43 acre feet per year. To give you an idea on 3 the scale map where we are, it's shown by the 4 aquifer storage and recovery wells. I'll window in 5 on that area. These are the existing three wells. 6 Again, flip through these. We've already seen these 7 slides. Basically this is what the city is 8 proposing to put in. These are the three existing 9 wells. When we window out, we can see that they 10 propose to put that fourth well application covered 11 by application 46,081 shown there by the blue 12 square, and the salt water plume is shown giving you 13 the location of that application to the salt water 14 plume located to the west. And, again, the idea is 15 to develop a hydraulic head to manage to reduce and 16 retard -- excuse me -- to retard the flow of the 17 salt water plumes migrating from the west to the 18 east-southeast.

Recommendations to the chief engineer.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Dealy, let me interrupt for just one second, if we could here.

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HEARING OFFICER POPE: In looking at our time schedule, I'm -- if you can just hold for a minute. I would -- let me -- I'm not trying to rush

1 case, if you have any key comments that you want to 2 continue, I think I was sort of thinking perhaps if 3 that was concluded, that would be -- if we could get 4 to the end of your direct examination here rather 5 quickly, if that would be okay with counsel, and 6 then at that point we can talk about where we go 7 from there in terms of a break and how we proceed in . 8 terms of schedule, and why don't we finish that up 9 and then go at that point.

MR. ADRIAN: Remain there just a moment. Q These recommendations that you have submitted on behalf of the board are similar to the recommendations that are contained in the report to the board that you made in the spring of the year, I believe, or in the summer, regarding the other -all the other applications, are they not? In other words, there's nothing particularly surprising in these recommendations.

19 A That's correct.

20 Q So they are also, as you correctly noted, subject to 21 the Memorandum of Understanding between the district 22 and the city and the attachment A to that.

23 A That is correct.

24 Q So we would -- you would submit that along with the 25 information contained in your -- in your slides,

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3 you give me an estimate of how much longer your 4 direct testimony would be? 5 A I would say another three to five minutes, or if you 6 want I can just basically -- the recommendations 7 that I'm about to go through are listed in the 8 response the district had to you, they're going to 9 be similar to the conditions that were set up for 10 the other two ASR wells, and certainly it's going to 11 be redundant to go through these.

what you're doing, I'm just thinking in terms of the

evening session and in terms of our schedule. Can

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Well, if --

A But I'd be happy to if you would like.

· HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Adrian, I don't want to tell you how to operate in terms of your witness here.

MR. ADRIAN: I would be content just submitting the written review that you have given to the chief engineer today. Again, it is redundant over one of the -- over the rest of your recommendations, is it not?

22 A That's correct.

MR. ADRIAN: Yeah, so we could just submit that.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: If that's the

Power Point slides, and I would advise the chief

engineer that we do not have hard copies of those,

3 but we have magnetic copies of those available for

4 all parties and the chief engineer. Is there

5 anything else you'd care to add?

6 A I had one more point to make, and in this 7 recommendation there is a difference in that the ASR

8 well that is proposed there is in an index subunit

9 09 instead of 05, so the index sub -- the sub -- the

10 subcell or the subunit would be IW9, and as such

11 we've made recommendations on the maximum highest

12 index level to be 1,420 for that index unit.

13 Q Mr. Dealy, I would also ask you, was written 14 permission sought from the adjoining well owner

15 because of the reduced well spacing on that one 16

application?

17 A On the well owner, permit owner of 41A-1-2 we did 18 receive a fax transmission and then a follow-up 19 letter from that permit owner basically stating that

20 they, as I remember, had no objections to siting

21 that there. I think there was a condition about

22 making sure that an impairment does not occur,

23 but -- I'm paraphrasing it, but, yes, we did receive

24 a written --

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the person who owned the land upon which this new well is to be placed. Is that --

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Q And would it be also fair to say that the board considered that maybe interesting and possibly slightly persuasive but didn't use it as a basis to approve this variation?

A That is correct.

MR. ADRIAN: I think I have no other questions.

11 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay, Thank you 12 very much, Mr. Dealy. I appreciate your 13 responsiveness to the issue we just need to work 14 through here in terms of timing. I need to then 15 turn to counsel here. We have about -- it's about a 16 quarter till 6:00, in terms of just from a 17 scheduling standpoint, in terms of where we are, in 18 terms of your additional witnesses, we have a couple 19 of choices. One, we can break now, come back at 20 seven o'clock, or if there are other -- I know you 21 have other witnesses, Mr. Adrian, and I -- I don't 22 know what the schedule is. I understand there may 23 be some time constraints there. What's your 24 preference in terms of how you to proceed? 25 MR. ADRIAN: I think my preference would

that, but I don't know whether -- how -- whether there's a getting too late sort of an issue in terms of travel or things of that nature. Would you -- if you would rather -- if we could defer on the cross and if we could go ahead with Mr. Nuzman because of his schedule and see where we end up, if that could be done before the seven o'clock, I'm just a little bit concerned that we need to be here for sure at seven o'clock because I know there are going to be members of the public showing up.

MR. ADRIAN: I'm sure we can do that. HEARING OFFICER POPE: Again, I don't want to cause a problem in terms of getting the full benefit of the testimony, but if we want to try that for a while, it's about a quarter till 6:00, we can see how that would go.

MR. ADRIAN: Now, is that -- let me --HEARING OFFICER POPE: Let me ask the city of Wichita. What's your concern and preference here?

MR. HINKLE: To do Mr. Nuzman now? HEARING OFFICER POPE: Yeah. An option would be if we did Mr. Nuzman now and then the -that would free up him in terms of traveling back to his home, which I understand he has some personal

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be to simply charge ahead, but that doesn't allow anybody to escape to eat anything at the moment. My -- the only time constraint I have is that Mr. Nuzman is not prepared to stay over tonight and so I don't want to compel him to stay to be here in the morning. I would also like to finish today if we could.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: What's the estimate in terms of the -- if we did push ahead, what would be the estimated time -- let's say if we potentially held on cross-examination for Mr. Dealy, for example, in order to -- I take it there would not be a -- would there be an objection to that?

MR. HINKLE: To doing Mr. Dealy's cross at a different time?

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Yes.

MR. HINKLE: That would be fine.

MR. ADRIAN: I have two other witnesses and they will be shorter in time, and I would guess at a maximum probably 30 minutes each.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: And we would have the potential of continuing after the public portion --

MR. ADRIAN: Right.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: -- in regard to

1 needs there related to his spouse. The -- in regard

tomorrow is another option.

to then we would hopefully have at least some time to break, come back for the public comment period, and then we could proceed either yet this evening, depending on how long it is, or of course come back

MR. HINKLE: Certainly. That's fine.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Why don't we go ahead and we'll proceed with Mr. Nuzman.

CARL E. NUZMAN,

called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. ADRIAN:

15 Q Would you state your name, current occupation, andaddress, please.

17 A Carl E. Nuzman, current occupation, consultant,
 18 professional engineer/hydrogeologist, and my address
 19 is 3314 Northwest Huxman Road, Silver Lake, Kansas
 20 66539.

Q All right. Thank you. And would you briefly
 describe your training, education and experience
 that qualifies you to be a consulting engineer and

24 hydrologist?

25 A I'm a graduate engineer from the ag engineering

recommendations and conclusions with regard to that

2 Memorandum of Understanding.

3 A Yes, I am.

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4 Q Well, then, I would just invite you to proceed as 5 Mr. Dealy did in describing -- in going through the

slides and describing what your recommendations are.

7 A The first issue in the Memorandum of Understanding 8 was regard to the initial conceptual plan of

9 installing 75 MGD of bank storage facilities and 25

10 MGD of direct surface water diversion. As has been

11 testified by Mr. Warren and Mr. Blain, that that has 12 been revised, and the city is looking at developing

13 at least 60 MGD of direct surface water diversion.

14 and based on the 100,000,000 gallon a day total

15 system, that would leave roughly 40,000,000 gallons

16 a day for bank storage wells and others. One of the 17 concerns that brought that out was in a paragraph

18 that we have is that the river bed infiltration rate

19 of the Little Ark River was not of sufficient

20 capacity to supply the full flow of the test 21

production well directly from the river to the well

22 itself. Part of that was due to the construction of 23 the well, that the well was constructed in the lower

24 aquifer only. It was constructed to municipal water

25 standards normally dictated by the Kansas Department

6 year with the Kansas Water Resources board and did 7 the first quantitative hydrologic study of the 8 Ogallala aquifer. In 1967 I went to work for Lane 9 Western and now Lane Christianson Company. I've 10 done water supply work and groundwater evaluations 11 in some form or another in 37 states and five 12 foreign countries. 13 Q You have been hired, have you not, by the Equus Beds 14 Groundwater Management District as a special

department, Kansas State University, 1953. I have a

master of science in water resources engineering

from the University of Kansas, 1966. I started my

career in water resources with the Division of Water

Resources in 1957. I was there nine years. And one

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17 O Have you had an opportunity -- well, how long have

18 you been so employed or contracted?

19 A Approximately one year.

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consultant in regard to this project?

21 opportunity to examine much if not at all of the

22 evidence that has been suggested or referred to

23 today in this hearing, more particularly the

24 applications that the city has submitted and other

25 analyses that has been done on those applications?

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A As others have alluded to, the mass of data on this particular project is so voluminous it would be impossible to examine it all. I have examined as much as possible that was readily available from

4 5 published reports and other information that was

6 available from the Groundwater Management District.

Q You've examined enough of the information and voluminous evidence, though, to prepare a report, have you not, that was submitted to the board and

10 the district?

11 A Yes, I have. And the scope of work was written by 12 your director, which I have followed in my report.

13 Q You participated in, did you not, the public hearing 14 that was held by the district in consideration of

15 these applications last summer?

16 A Yes, I was.

17 Q Then you had an opportunity, did you not, subsequent

18 to that hearing to participate in a meeting with the

19 city of Wichita which ultimately resulted in the

20 Memorandum of Understanding that has been referred

21 to so frequently today.

A Yes, I did. 22

23 Q And you're prepared today, are you not, to go

24 through that Memorandum of Understanding and

25 describe for the hearing officer your 1 of Health and Environment and the upper aquifer was 2 totally grout sealed and prevented from entering the

3 direct flow of the well. What actually happened in 4

my opinion is that the well did pump water that was 5 recharged from the Little Ark River. There was

6 leakage from the shallow aquifer to the deep

7 aquifer. There was natural recharge that was

8 contributing to the flow of the well. There may

9 have also been boundary flow from the eastern side 10 of the aquifer, flow from Emma Creek and Sand Creek

11 to the east of this well that was influencing the

12 water levels and the quality of water. We know from

13 Mr. Ziegler's testimony that water quality did

14 change in response to some of the leakage from the 15 bed and there was an erosional feature through the

16 shallow aguifer, the confining place, the shallow

17 aguifer, just to the west of this well that allowed

18 direct leakage to come from the base channel of the

19 river, Little Ark River, through the shallow

20 aguifer, go through the breach in the clay that

21 normally separates the two aquifers and come back in

22 in an indirect manner to this well. One of the 23 things that I was concerned about with the

24 installation of the bank storage wells -- and you

25 might note, Mr. Pope, that I chose not to use the

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. 1 word bank storage in my report. I referred to these as source water recharge wells, and there was a purpose in that, in that bank storage is a very interesting concept and that people see a water level rise in the river, and a mile away maybe, or a half mile away, they see a water level rise in a well, and they think that the water traveled directly from the river to the well, which is absolutely false. When we have a confined aguifer, we may have a coefficient of storativity of 10 to the minus three or something even lower than that, and we get a pressure wave response from the rise in water level in the river. That pressure wave travels at approximately 1,000 feet per minute, close to the speed of sound, and so you see this sudden rise of two or three feet, but that doesn't mean that there's three or four acre feet of water that is transferred instantaneously from the river to the aquifer. It's basically a pressure response, and so the actual physical quantity that moves sometimes from the bank of the river into the clays and silts of the bank is a relatively small quantity of water. It is an important quantity of water, but it's not really direct infiltration. So bank storage, in the way that has been used in the past,

issue in various things. One of the slides that Mike has just shown was that the water -- the arsenic content in the shallow aquifer is practically absent or very low, where the arsenic in the lower aquifer can be significant in places. The exact cause and the exact chemistry and things that go on to create arsenic in water, we know that arsenic is a natural constituent of the clays, the montmorillonite clays, and when we have excessive drawdown and start dewatering some of these clays, we find we get subsidence, and we also change the valence of the clays from an arsenic -- bound up to an arsenic three or an arsenic five valence, and become slightly soluble, and we see it coming into the groundwater as a result of pumping of wells.

At issue in number two, the city has committed to -- we will test the shallow aquifer in itself, where it's of some thickness, so we can get some idea of the permeability and the actual water quality in that and can we actually get a direct infiltration. And direct infiltration of flow would be shown by what was in Mike's comment by pH, conductivity and temperature, whereas after several days of pumping you should have the quality of water in that shallow aquifer mirror roughly, not exactly,

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but start mirroring the chemical constituents that you saw in the surface water itself.

really encompasses more than just the direct infiltration of water from the little river.

Q Mr. Nuzman, the slide that is on the screen at the moment is a portion of your report, is it not?

A It is, and basically giving some of the factors that I found from experience, and this was one of the very difficult things to model is to determine exactly what the infiltration weight in terms of gallons per day per square foot, and what I've done is, is I've referred to some of the other tests that I've accomplished in other states and even in Kansas where we have made specific effort to determine exactly what that leakage rate was of the bed of the stream.

stream.

I'd like to move on to issue number two in the memorandum, and that is for the city's initial plans for bank storage wells to be screened in the lower part of the aquifer only because of water quality and well efficiency concerns.

One of the conditions in the memorandum that the city will install one shallow test well at one diversion well site to determine the appropriate yield water quality and connectivity to the river. And this carries on the same issue we just previously discussed in that water quality is a big

In item number three the city will design bank storage diversion wells screened in the upper well -- upper aquifer as well as the lower sand zones. And this is -- the upper zone adversely affects water quality to an unacceptable amount, the city may seal it after consultation with the GMD2. And again this is the same -- same issue and stuff that -- and we go back to some of the irrigation well construction. Nearly all the irrigation well construction in the area in the equus beds typically screens most of the aquifers. They do not segregate one. And that's typical of all irrigation well construction. That also has the advantage of bringing in water through the gravel pack so that they get some increase in yield, and it also reduces some of the differential pressure between the upper aquifer and the lower aquifer, allowing a passageway through the clays at that particular zone to help neutralize the difference in water levels between the aquifers. And if there is a major problem of water quality of unacceptable amounts, certainly the city should be authorized to seal that off.

I'd like to move to issue four. Issue four is

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- . 1 deemed appropriate and acceptable to DWR. The city 2 will agree to establishment of a special condition 3 on a diversion well appropriation that requires 4 review by DWR and GMD and all the data collected at 5 the diversion sites prior to the end of the first 6 four years of operations. I would like to back up 7 to three for just a minute. 8 Q I think that one we were just on is incorrectly 9 -listed issue 6. I think it may be issue four.
- 10 A Yeah, I think it is. Anyway, on issue three, we 11 want to address the safe yield concept. If we don't 12 get all the water directly from the little river, as 13 we know we don't, that I've suggested that there be 14 a drawdown limit of 10 feet at 660 feet from the 15 wells, and this would be shown in the monitoring 16 wells. Where this came from was that I did an 17 assumption from some of the test data from a test 18 well at Halstead and developed an estimate of the 19 transmissivity of the aquifer and developed a 20 distance drawdown radius of influence curve, and the 21 radius of influence was -- was approximately 22 4,000 feet. And if you have multiple wells close 23 together, less than the 1,320 feet of spacing, that 24 there would be mutual inference between these wells,

and if the leakage rate from the little river and

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- four, you were going to speak -- address verbally and we didn't have a slide on that one. And you were not going to address issue five.

 4 Well, issue four is basically the review, and I
 - A Well, issue four is basically the review, and I basically concur with the review of operations.

One of the things in the criterion design of these wells, since they are not for direct public water supply purposes -- and Dave Waldo is in the audience here -- that they do not have to be constructed to municipal standards. Am I correct on that or not?

(Audience member responded out of the hearing of the reporter.) THE REPORTER: I'm sorry?

A We were wondering whether these wells had to be constructed exactly to municipal standards or not for the source water recharge wells since it's going to be recharged to the aquifer. Minimum standards require 20 feet of grout seal from the surface of ground to the top of the well, and that should be complied with. The question I had is, is whether I can screen the upper aquifer.

MR. ADRIAN: We'll have to let him address that, at some later time, though.

A But anyway, the whole point is that we need to

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consider as much of the aquifer as possible in that situation.

I'd like to move to issue five is the financial assistance and issue six deals with the

financial assistance and issue six deals with the evaluation, the design and placement of the recharge wells and facilities near Burrton, and I would like to address the recharge facilities at this time.

In my report, I went through and evaluated the cone of impression, and the cone of impression of a recharge well is very similar to the cone of depression, and theoretically it's a mirror image. And the spacing of the recharge wells at one mile spacing approximately to form the hydraulic barrier does not give any overlap or very little overlap between the wells to perform a groundwater mound that would inhibit or completely hold the plume at that area.

In other states such as California where they've had a salt water intrusion barrier for quite some time they have found that they can maintain that hydraulic barrier with injection wells fairly closely spaced and salvage nearly 90 percent of that water for public water supply or for other uses, whatever that use might be. I have proposed in my report a specific location of the hydraulic barrier

1 from the upper aquifer and all the other sources do 2 not supply sufficient water for the production of 3 the bank storage wells, then the drawdown would 4 continue to go on down, and so I did a real quick 5 calculation by hand, if I had three wells in a line 6 space of 1,320 feet apart, that the mutual 7 interference and drawdown should probably be no 8 greater than about 10 feet at 660 feet, so that's 9 why we've specified monitoring wells both on the 10 east side of the Little River and on the west side 11 of the Little River at approximately 660 feet to 12 measure that. Now, that distance doesn't have to be 13 exactly on 660 feet. You can take a distance 14 drawdown, and it could be 1,200 feet or it could be 15 500 feet or 700 feet or whatever, and you can work 16 out the distance drawdown curve for that and adjust 17 that value accordingly. But, anyway, we tried to 18 build in -- or my whole point in helping the 19 district in this is to build in the safeguards in 20 the monitoring well system which Mike has just 21 presented to you, and where most of that came from 22 Mike and myself put together for the safeguard of 23 the aquifer and of the district.

The next issue --

Q Mr. Nuzman, I was recalling that on issue number

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1 based on half-mile spacing, and the wells would be a

2 little bit west of the proposed line that the

3 consultants have. And it's not that the present

4 line of wells, recharge wells, would not be

5 effective, because they will do some good, but it's

6 a question of whether they would actually halt the

7 physical movement of water, and in this phase one of

8 this project, it is really recommended that the

chief engineer approve it and go ahead and with our

10 monitoring programs that we put in place to measure

11 the results of that and then do a reevaluation in a

12 few years to see what modifications, if any, need to

13 be made to proceed with the project.

14 Q Mr. Nuzman, if I could interrupt must a moment.

15 Mike, would you flip ahead two slides. This is

somewhat hazy, but this would reveal what you had

17 suggested in your report, isn't that correct?

18 A That's right.

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19 Q You were proposing that the well sites be more

20 frequently inserted and moved to the west

21 approximately a half a mile from the proposed

22 locations?

23 A And some of the sites addressed -- like the

24 northernmost ones was in the shallow aguifer only,

25 since there wasn't any pollution in the deeper type of thing, and there was concern expressed by some of the members of the district about injecting water that would degrade the ambient quality that is there. Not that it would degrade the ambient use, if the use is strictly for domestic services, and that recommendation was in the report that Mike made

to you just previously in regard to that. In closing, I'd just like to make a comment that there's a unique aspect to this project that has never been done before. I've worked a little bit in Florida and Virginia, where the first recharge and recovery wells were installed, and this project proposes to store water in the aquifer for multiple years before withdrawal. Typically, they have put water in a marginal aquifer or salt water aquifer, fresh water, you have to cycle it five or seven times or 10 times sometimes before you get the chamber built up. You have some special water hydraulics with wells that -- in clay where the pump suction is set and all of this, and then you store it for peak flow demands, and within six months or

whatever, you pull the water back out and then pump

it back in the distribution system, and then the

following fall or off peak time, why, then you

inject water back in, and you're just basically

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aquifers at that location, and so their effective recharge rate might be only like two or 300 gallons

3 a minute as opposed to 1,000 or more that they're

proposing at the source water recharge -- the

5 recharge wells at the present time. And so I

basically was looking at the various aquifers, the

7 depth of them, and having these particular hydraulic

barrier wells addressing each specific aquifer.

9 Q And to be clear about this to the city and the chief 10 engineer, that was your suggestion when you walked 11 into the meeting that resulted in the Memorandum of

12 Understanding, and you have signed off on the

13 Memorandum of Understanding with the modification

14 that was shown under issue number six, is that

15 correct?

16 A That's correct.

17 Q Okay.

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18 A The other issue is that we do have a few areas where

we have some extremely high quality pristine water

20 in the equus beds aquifer, some of it in the

21 deepermost and some of it in the other -- spread out

22 through the area. These areas are relatively small,

23 but with sodium and chloride contents of 15 or

24 20 milligrams per liter and less than two parts per

25 million or parts per billion of arsenic and that

using the aquifer for storage, and relatively a short period of time. To store water for several years before its use represents a concept that really hasn't been proven, and I want to commend the consultants and the city of Wichita for the extensive work that they have done, and with the monitoring well system that we've proposed by the district and others, I think we have the framework in place to make this project a success.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: You care to cross-examine?

MR. HINKLE: I do, but, Mr. Pope, I'd like a couple of moments to confer with my colleagues here before I do so.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Sure.

(There was a recess from 6:17 p.m.

to 6:20 p.m.)

CROSS-EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. HINKLE:

20 Q Mr. Nuzman, I understand both from your comments 21 here at the very end of your presentation and also 22

the question leading into it from Mr. Adrian that

23 you do support the project that has been approved by

24 the district and under the terms of the MOU, is that

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A That's correct.

MR. HINKLE: Thank you, then. I don't have any further questions. Well, I do -- I have one. Should never let a lawyer hold a microphone too long.

Q When you do so, you take into account the fact that the plan as proposed is not substantially prejudicial to the public interest, is that right?

A That's right.

MR. HINKLE: Okay. I guess now I'm really done. Thank you.

MR. ADRIAN: I have no redirect. Okay.
Oh, I'm sorry. You might have some questions.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I understand there will be no redirect. Mr. Rolfs?

MR. ROLFS: I have no questions.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Bagley?

MR. BAGLEY: I don't think so.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I just want to

clarify, I think you indicated during your
testimony, Mr. Nuzman, that you were fully in

support of the proposed operations plan and the

23 four-year review?

A Yes. Absolutely. And I think we're going to learn an awful lot and the project needs to go ahead in idea at this point, but if it's not too terribly late, we would just then reconvene the formal part at that point and conclude the cross-examination for Mr. Dealy and Mr. Seiler.

MR. HINKLE: That's fine with us.
MR. ADRIAN: If that works for
Mr. Seiler? Okay. That way we at least have some
break at this point in time. I'll afraid we're not
going to get done and we may have to go straight
through and that may be too much, so with that we're
going to go ahead and recess at this time until the
public comment period.

(There was a recess from 6:23 p.m. to 7:07 p.m.)

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Let me call the hearing to order, please. Thank you very much. And any of you that are waiting to get a seat, why, please go ahead and do that.

For the record, my name is David Pope, chief engineer and director of the Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture. It's just after 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2004. We're here at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center at 1100 North Plum Street, Hutchinson, Kansas. This is the portion of the hearing provided

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its first phase so that we can get some information and data to find out what our problems really are and address those.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: All right. Thank you. I have no further questions. Mr. Adrian, I know we have remaining cross-examination for Mr. Dealy and you have, what, one more witness after that? I am wondering, and I'll pose this question to counsel for both parties. At this point I know we only have a couple of people that have signed up for comment but there may very well be a number of people that come in just directly in response to the notice, and I wonder if we shouldn't go ahead and take a break now, come back at seven o'clock, and then I would ask if it would be acceptable to then consider reconvening after the public comment period depending on how long that lasts.

Are you accepting to that as a possibility?

MR. HINKLE: Yes. The city would certainly be willing to do that.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Adrian, if -and I know you're conferring with your witness. If' we broke now, which would give us almost a half hour, then we could come back after the public comment period, see how long that goes, I have no Page 313

for public comments on the city of Wichita's proposed aquifer storage and recovery program in Harvey County, Kansas, and this hearing is being held as required by Kansas Administrative Regulation 5-12-3. I will make a few brief comments about our purpose this evening. Some of you may have heard parts of this earlier if you were here during the course of the day and others I know have come in just for the evening, and then I will set forth the process that we'll follow this evening. If you have not signed up the attendance -- signed the attendance sheet out at the front door, I would ask you to do that before you leave, or if necessary we can circulate an attendance sheet as well. And if you would like to make oral or written comments we would ask that you fill out a card. That's some three by five cards back there also that would help us get those in the cue here for taking your statements this evening.

Now, notice of this public hearing was sent by regular mail to the parties, which in this case are the applicant, the city of Wichita, and the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District Number 2 that have participated earlier today in the formal portion of the hearing, and that will continue here

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either after we're done this evening or tomorrow. Notice was also provided to water right holders, owners in the area and their water use correspondents of record in the office of the chief engineer in the vicinity of the proposed wells, as well as individuals who had requested be notified of the hearing. Notice was also published in the Hutchinson News and the Wichita Eagle on or about December 10, 2004.

Briefly stated, the general purpose of the hearing is to consider whether the city of Wichita's new applications to appropriate water, and those are file numbers 45,567 through 45,576 and 46,081, and whether or not those applications should be approved, denied or modified. The general test for approving new applications is whether or not they will impair a use under an existing water right or prejudicially and unreasonably affect the public interest. Hopefully all of you have heard something about the project or seen the notices, but briefly stated, the series of applications were filed by the city of Wichita under the provisions of the water appropriation act for the purposes of appropriating high flows from the Little Arkansas River by means of seven proposed bank storage wells, proposing to

and to prevent the project from prejudicially and unreasonably affecting the public interest.

You may provide oral or written comments or both, and, again, if you would like to do so, why, please let Steve Bond standing in the door know and he can provide you with a card. I will -- and if you fill one of the cards out and decide later you don't want to testify, why, then you can pass as well.

Our testimony during the course of the hearing -- and we've had some extensive testimony here during the course earlier during the formal portion, but as -- in keeping within the nature of the hearing, I will ask that each witness be sworn under oath. As you can see, testimony will be taken by a court reporter this evening, however, there is somewhat of a difference in that you will not be subjected to cross-examination by the attorneys for the parties, however, myself and Mr. Rolfs do reserve the right to ask any clarifying questions. Depending on how many people totally we have before it's over with, we do need to manage our time this evening. I would ask each of you to try to keep your comments to five minutes or less. If there is a special reason to go beyond that, why just me let

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withdraw water along the west bank of the Little Arkansas River in Section 8, Township 23 south, Range 2 west, Harvey, County, Kansas. And generally located in the vicinity of the -- and upstream of the Highway 50 bridge over the river. The water will then be treated and injected into the aquifer by means of four recharge wells, and those are located in sections 12, 23, 24 and 36 in Township 23 south, Range 3 west, Harvey County, Kansas, generally along a line east of Burrton, Kansas. And then the water would -- is proposed to be ultimately withdrawn later for municipal use by these recharge

wells.

Now, the purpose of this public comment period is to receive comments about the proposed project, including these following questions in particular:

The method by which surface water will be withdrawn from the Little Arkansas River, the process for treating and recharging it into the equus beds aquifer, the accounting system that the city of Wichita will use to determine how much of the water has been recharged into the aquifer, may be withdrawn, and if the applications are approved, any terms and conditions that will need to be placed on permits to prevent impairment of other water rights

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me know and we'll try to accommodate things if it's a reasonable basis if we can. And I'll ask each of you to come forward one at a time as I call off your names. If people -- I understand some of you do have time constraints, we'll try to honor those as much as we can, if there are special circumstances in terms of other commitments. The -- I would certainly ask that you just speak clearly so the court reporter can record your comments, and we'll try to do this in an organized way.

Certainly do want to close by saying appreciate your attendance and your interest in this project. Do want to hear those comments and how you feel about this, whether it's particular concerns or data or support or whatever it may be, but feel free to provide those comments.

At this point in time, we do have a series of letters that have already been received, now, some letters were received earlier during the processing of earlier notice regarding these applications.

Those, too, are in the record that has already been received earlier today and admitted into evidence, but today we have received letters from several individuals or groups. These include the Wichita Area Builders Association, by M.S. Mitchell, a

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letter from the Wichita Independent Business Association, from Mr. Cliff Sones, President. We have a letter from Mr. Philip H. Alexander, city attorney for -- is this from Derby?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Derby.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Derby? It's a fax copy. I don't believe there was any letterhead that showed up. Also a letter from Mr. G. B. Sam Serrill, chief operating officer for the Wesley Medical Center. Have a letter from the city of Goddard, signed by James A. Singletary, mayor. And a letter from the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority by the manager. I believe that's Kenneth W. Thorton. And then finally a letter from the City of Colwich signed by the city clerk, Diana K. Brooks. I believe that completes the list of letters and documents that have been provided here today during the course of the hearings either by fax or by hand copy provided to me. I will not read these individually, but they are available here to be made a part of the record, and if people do want to examine those, they will be here at the table.

Now, at this point I do want to indicate that I have a series of cards here, and we had two individuals that had participated earlier during

court reporter to swear you in.

MR. NEUWAY: My name is Ronald Neuway. I live at 903 North Willow Lake Road, Burrton, Kansas. And first of all --

RONALD NEUWAY,

having been first duly sworn, testified upon his oath as follows:

MR. NEUWAY: First of all, I'm not a very good speaker and I suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder from the time that I served my country in Korea, so if I do get confused and have to start over, bear with me. I'll try to do as best as I can. Starting off, I got my notes out. To begin with, I'd like to thank Mr. Pope, the Department of Agriculture, water resource board, Groundwater Management District Number 2 for all the work that they've done which has been one tremendous project, magnitude which is almost second to none. The board of directors, present and past, I can only give them my greatest gratitude in all the considerations they gave this project and all the reading and free time that they spent on the project.

And as for my comments, thank you for giving me a chance to express my concerns about the aquifer storage and recovery project in Harvey County. I do

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       Mr. Bergkamp. Both of you are here? Okay. Would
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             MR. NEUWAY: What's that?
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HEARING OFFICER POPE: Would you like to make your comments now and go first or --

MR. NEUWAY: Yeah, I can make them first.
HEARING OFFICER POPE: We'll do that, and then we'll take these other comments as we go.
Again, if you would, each of you, would state for the record your full name, your address, who you are representing if anyone other than yourself, and then we'll ask you to make your statement, and I will ask

you again after you provide this information for the

not believe Wichita has the right to alter or divert the natural flow of the aquifer. What they propose is no more than taking water from one end of a tub and pouring it back into the other end. By doing so they feel that the water they moved is theirs to be used at their will. What about the rights of the water users downstream from this project? If this water is taken from high flow times, is it fair that the natural recharge downstream from this aquifer storage be altered? Water belongs to all people, not just Wichita. If Wichita has its way, all their water would come from the aquifer.

At this time Kansas is at odds with Colorado for diverting water that should have flown into Kansas. Excuse me. I think those living downstream from this project feel the same way as their water is being diverted as well. Myself and others in my area feel this recharge project is no more than a shell game so Wichita can take more water to resell at high rates to Wichita and other surrounding towns. My quarter section, 14-23-3 west is located across the road to the southwest from the first injection well two miles north of Highway 50. I am totally opposed to any water, treated or nontreated, to be injected into the aquifer that is my water

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source. I have drank water from Wichita for 26 years, and I find it to be of substandard. My water is pristine and very good drinking quality. If this project is approved, I feel I am entitled to monetary compensation for any changes in the quality of water that is in my aquifer. What they propose by injecting treated water into the aquifer is no different than someone spraying pesticides or herbicides or other chemicals on the surface of my pasture or croplands.

I understand Wichita has refused to put up a bond for damages. The board had strongly recommended that this be done at the Groundwater Management District 2 meeting, but no action taken. My land has a large area of designated wetlands that I'm not allowed to drain or alter. The area in and around my land has an underflow problem. When setting posts for a corral three years ago I hit water at two feet and three feet. At times you can drive a tractor and combine on what seems to be like a dry surface, only to have it give way and get stuck into your axles. My land is located in the sand hills thus making the underflow rise and low at a very easy rate. I've been told the aquifer recharge in no way will raise the water table to the

statement.

You have any questions, I'd like to try to answer them.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Rolfs, did you have any?

MR. ROLFS: No.

MR. NEUWAY: Good enough?

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Well, I think so. Let me -- you're -- which direction are you located

from that closest recharge site?

MR. NEUWAY: The closest well, I'm just about -- well, about a quarter of a mile to the south and west of the first recharge well.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay.
MR. NEUWAY: On the west side.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay.

MR. NEUWAY: Good enough? Thank you for your time again.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: The other individual that had earlier participated was Ron Neuway, I believe it was? Oh, I'm sorry. Joe Bergkamp. I'm sorry. Ron was just here, yeah.

MR. BERGKAMP: I'm Joe Bergkamp, and my address is 2004 South Willow Lake Road.

JOE BERGKAMP,

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underflow. If this is true, how can the water perk along the Arkansas river at a great -- at a rate great enough to be taken out and retransmitted to the recharge wells? Excuse me again.

I would like to know how fast the river would recharge the aquifer. At the proposed rate of 50 million gallons a day that would be taken from the area and injected into four recharge wells and three basins, I do not see how this can physically be possible. My house has drain tiles around the basement and a lift to remove underflow water at high flow times. I also have a cellar that has a lift pump in it also to keep the water out. If they are concerned about the stopping of the water plume, why don't they take this water plume, treat the water, thus keeping the water flow from moving and possibly recharge that area with good water? Again, my fellow farmers and ranchers, if this project is approved, those of you that are in the recovery site and all the water users downstream will be affected as your natural recharge will not happen as it has in the past. I feel that we are going to be told at some time in the future to shut your wells back and eventually they will tell us to shut them off as

Wichita has priority. And that's the end of my

having been first duly sworn, testified upon his oath as follows:

MR. BERGKAMP: I have three concerns I'd like to air tonight. The first one is, any property that the city of Wichita wishes to acquire with permit issued, I'd like to see that property owned before the permits are considered. And the second concern is, the way I understand it, they're talking about running some power lines along Section 25. I live basically three miles east of Burrton in Section 25, the two most southern recharge wells, one at the north and one at the south end of my property, which is a mile, and they're talking about running some power lines along the county road to feed electricity to the wells, and that's going to create havoc with the center pivot that I have. I would like to see the power lines either routed around the section or go underground with their power lines. But the third most concern that I have is what this is going to do to the property that I have that lays between the two recharge wells.

The geologists' reports that I've heard is nothing more than a guesstimation. Nobody knows exactly what's going to take place 10, 15, 20 years ago from now. Am I going to develop some seep

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holes on some of the property that I have that no longer can be farmed? We don't know. You know, I probably won't be around to see it, but I'm thinking of the next generation. A lot like the city of Wichita is thinking of their investment, they'd like to protect it. And so that is the third most concern that I have tonight, and I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to allow me to voice my opinion on it. And do you have any questions?

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Let me ask Mr. Rolfs first. Do you have any questions?

MR. ROLFS: You said this was -- you say this was in Section 25 that you --

MR. BERGKAMP: Yeah.

MR. ROLFS: -- own? And what township and range is that?

MR. BERGKAMP: That's in Burrton Township, and the range is 3 west. And at this point in time, their recharge wells, the two most southern recharge wells, one is at the north end of the property and one is at the south end, so basically, if anything's going to take place, the property that I have is going to be right on the crosshairs. You know, am I going to have trees that are going to start to die, or am I going to have

lose a lot of irrigated acres, and then they came back and they said, the city of Wichita, and said, well, we're going to bring the power lines around the section so we won't have any power lines on your property. That's what they had said, and if they follow through with that, then that's great, but I would just like to air my opinion on that, that we get this on record that that is one of my concerns, that they don't go in reverse and say, well, we are going to run power lines now. I just want to get this on record that I don't want any power lines along that Section 25, the westbound line.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Do you have a -- thank you. On your third point --

MR. BERGKAMP: Uh-huh.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: -- you were concerned about what might happen since you have property apparently between two of the recharge wells, if I understand you properly. What's -- can you tell me just briefly a little bit more of the nature of your concerns.

MR. BERGKAMP: Uh-huh.
HEARING OFFICER POPE: Is it water table?
Is it other factors or --

MR. BERGKAMP: Basically, when they raise

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seep holes develop after 10 or 15 years of raising the water table up? Right now it doesn't appear like that, but nobody knows what's going to take place on something like this when the state or when the township or the county comes and says we need so many more feet to widen this road, we know what the outlay is going to be from the get-go, but on something like this, it's hard to forecast what's going to take place.

I'd like to see some provisions added that would protect some of the property owners up and down the recharge well sites.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Bergkamp, let me ask you a follow-up question on the second point. I know one of the issues in the case is related to your first point, so we'll be dealing with that. Your second point was regarding the proposed power lines. Has anything happened so far in regard to -- what's your understanding in terms of the route and are those proposed to be located on private property, your property, or --

MR. BERGKAMP: From the start they were going to run on my property. And this particular circle that I'm thinking of, it's a Valley corner system, and when you shorten that up, you really

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that water table up, since this has not been done in the area, nobody can say just exactly what's going to happen. It's nothing more than a guesstimation, so my concern is, once that water table is raised up, are we going to have areas in our fields where it's not going to want to dry out and -- you know, which is obviously because of the water table that was brought up. I have two irrigation wells and then I live there, too, so we have two irrigation wells and a domestic well there, and, you know, we don't know what the outcome is going to be on something like that. We got an educated guess, if you will, and at this point in time that's all we can go with, but I would like to see some type of a provision put in that would cover something that would come up down the road. Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Thank you very much. I'd like to now call Michael Gurman. Do I have that right?

MR. GURMAN: I have a written statement.

My name is Mike Gurman. My business address is 3801

South Oliver Street, Post Office Box 7730, Wichita,

Kansas. I am the director of communications and -
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MR. GURMAN: I am the director of communications and public affairs for the Boeing Company. I want to thank you, Mr. Pope, for the opportunity to comment at this public hearing this evening. The availability of economical, clean, high quality water is one of the primary needs for community health, development and growth. As one of the manufacturing consumers of water in this area of the state, Boeing is especially aware of the need for reliable, clean water sources and water conservation efforts necessary to protect those sources. The Boeing Company continually strives to utilize energy, water, and other resources in an efficient manner and conserve nonrenewable resources to preserve environmental quality for future generations.

In support of water conservation, Boeing implemented water recycling and zero water discharge from our manufacturing operations. Because of these conservation efforts, the Boeing company saves approximately 1.5 million gallons of water per day. or 525 million gallons of water per year. The water saved is now available to help support community

oath as follows:

MR. CLENNAN: My name is Dennis Clennan. I'm the director of public works and engineering for the city of Hutchinson. I appreciate the opportunity to speak here this evening, Mr. Chairman. As a director of public works and engineering I'm responsible for providing safe drinking water for about 40,000 of our customers here in Hutchinson, and I'm here tonight to be in support of the city of Wichita's applications. The city's artificial storage and recovery project will enhance the future water supply of this region: specifically, this project will benefit the public and the environment in the following manner: The artificial recharge of water into the aguifer will restore water levels in the area that has experienced a decline of greater than 30 feet. By raising the water levels, a hydraulic barrier will be created to impede the movement of salt water from the Burrton oil field. By raising the water levels, the movement of salt water contamination from the Arkansas River to the fresh and usable water supplies will be inhibited. Increases in water levels will enhance base flow conditions in the Little Arkansas River, and this project will be

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requirements. In addition, we are continually identifying and implementing new and improved manufacturing processes that require less water and energy to use.

The Boeing Company believes that the project being proposed by the city of Wichita to appropriate high flows from the Little Arkansas River and inject the waters into the equus beds aquifer for storage and future use enhances the responsibility we all have to conserve our natural resources. Boeing believes it is necessary to conceive and develop conservation projects such as this so that coming generations will have the resources necessary for growth and a sustainable future. Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I don't believe I have any, so thank you very much.

MR. GURMAN: Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Next card I have is from Mr. John F. Weber, I believe it is. Do I have that right? Mr. Weber.

> UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's not here. HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Dennis

23 Clennan.

> DENNIS CLENNAN, having been first duly sworn, testified upon his

intentionally monitored by the city of Wichita and numerous regulating agencies to ensure utilization of only bank storage water and to protect the ambient water quality of the storage area. The equus beds aquifer is extremely important to South Central Kansas. In addition to providing significant economic benefits to agribusiness, it also supplies drinking water for almost 500,000 people. The city of Wichita should be commended for taking the financial risks associated with the

Again, the city of Hutchinson supports the city of Wichita's applications to withdraw and store water from the banks of the Little Arkansas River. Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Thank you. I don't believe I have any. Thank you very much. John Walker, or Walter.

JOHN WALTNER,

implementation of this innovative project.

having been first duly sworn, testified on his oath as follows:

MR. WALTNER: Good evening. My name is John Waltner. I'm the mayor of the city of Hesston, have been for a number of years, and I must tell you that the city of Hesston has every one of its

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1 municipal water wells in the equus beds. We are 2 keenly interested in water quality and quantity 3 issues in the equus beds. I'm also here this 4 evening as the chair of the legislative committee of 5 the regional economic area partnership, commonly 6 known as REAP. REAP is a council of local 7 governments in South Central Kansas. The 31 city 8 and county governments in REAP have voluntarily 9 joined together for two primary purposes: First, to 10 guide state and national actions that effect 11 economic development in the region; and, second, to 12 adopt joint actions among member governments that 13 enhance the regional economy. One of the most 14 significant regional priorities for REAP is the 15 protection of the public water supply in South 16 Central Kansas. The equus beds aguifer is a primary 17 source of water for many REAP communities and is 18 clearly critical to the economy of South Central 19 Kansas. The aquifer storage and recovery project is 20 a bold initiative and much needed for the long-term 21 economic viability for this region and for the state 22 as a whole. 23

The threats to the equus beds are numerous and have been well documented. If nothing is done to enhance the quality and quantity of this vital and MR. SEILER: I'm Bruce Seiler. I reside at 13940 West 93rd Street North, just about two miles south of Bentley.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: You may need to speak into the microphone a little bit stronger there.

MR. SEILER: I just have a couple of comments and a few observations. Support the project in the original plan with the shallow wells along the river. We have several wells south of Bentley. Back in the mid '90s we drilled deeper. Our shallower wells were getting a lot of salt intrusion from the river. We're right north of the river. And our 60 and 70 foot wells that we had at that time were in the 400 to 500 parts per million sodium, and chloride levels were extremely high. We couldn't grow soybeans. So we drilled wells down to a lower shelf, or a lower level, lower vein of water. Those wells are in the 190 to 205 range, and our sodium levels went down. One in fact is right at 100. It used to be at 450, 460. And I just -- I feel like there's no continuity between the surface water, the 40, 50 foot level near the river, to the water that's down at 200 foot.

The original plan they were saying 50 and 60

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natural resource, the consequences will be significant.

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As proposed, the artificial recharge of water into the aquifer will restore water levels in the region that has seen a decline in excess of 30 feet, and by raising water levels the movement of salt water from the Burrton oil field will be restrained. The city of Wichita is a member of REAP and has been a strong partner with communities and organizations in this region on the issues of water protection and supply. The aquifer storage and recovery project is another example of Wichita's commitment to seeking new technologies and collaborative methods to respond to the challenges confronting public water suppliers and local governments. The city of Wichita ought be complimented for investing its resources in this innovative project that has the potential to address and solve one of the most critical public policy issues of our time, and I thank you for your time.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Thank you. Thank you very much. Mr. Bruce Seiler.

23 BRUCE SEILER, 24 having been first duly sworn, testified upon 25 his oath as follows: foot wells near the river, to pull this water out, this bank storage. Now they're saying 150 and 200 foot to increase their pumping efficiency. Just -- I have a difficult time believing that that water is the same water down lower, with our experience there next to the river on the big river.

And one other comment. The northwest Wichita waste water treatment facility there south and west of Maize that went online, we was told that it was going to be discharging somewhere between 3 and 4 million gallons of water a day, and I just wish that that type water could be sent back north possibly east of Bentley there where there is a recharge basin there, one of the prototype basins. You know, that's water that could be sent back to recharge with. As time goes on and the northwest part of the city gets filled in, you know, that -- that amount of water will increase, and, you know, that's water that could be recharged, sent back. Appreciate the time.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Hold on just one second, if you could, there. I just had one quick --

MR. SEILER: Yes.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: -- clarification

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question. I wanted to make sure I understood where you were describing in terms of your location.

MR. SEILER: Two miles south of Bentley and three-quarter east is where I live, but we had five wells through there in the mid '90s that we drilled down to the 200 foot level and got into much better quality water.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay.

MR. SEILER: But I just -- I just feel like the 200 foot wells near the Little River are -- it's aquifer water, it's not -- to me it's not bank storage water, and I just have concerns with that.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. I can understand. Thank you.

MR. SEILER: Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Gerald Holman. GERALD HOLMAN,

having been first duly sworn, testified upon his oath as follows:

MR. HOLMAN: My name is Gerald Holman. Business address is 350 West Douglas in Wichita, and I'm representing the Chamber of Commerce there in Wichita. Thank you for allowing me to speak this evening and the opportunity to be here. The Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce has actively supported the

barrier, so environmental protection of the aquifer, which this strategic project provides, has increasing importance to ensure quality water for the future and the quantity needed for the future. The project is a viable component of Wichita's comprehensive and integrated water supply strategy.

A demonstration project has confirmed engineering models that the full scale project is feasible. An environmental impact statement has been prepared. The city of Wichita has met or will meet all the conditions established by GMD2. The project is less costly, both environmentally and economically, when compared with other alternatives. So because of the resource needs and the due diligence having been and being completed by the city of Wichita and GMD2, we encourage your approval of this project. So thank you very much.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Thank you. I don't believe I have any questions. Thank you. Bob Nichols.

BOB NICHOLS.

having been first duly sworn, testified on his oath as follows:

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Would you go ahead and add your address in the record.

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development of this recharge project for many years. We are encouraged that the demonstration project has proven the feasibility of recharging the aquifer which supplies water to more than half a million, perhaps up to 600,000, irrigation, municipal and industrial users. The city of Wichita and GMD2 have gained valuable information through the recharging of more than one million gallons of water. We are encouraged as well that this information is being used to ensure the appropriate environmental protection of the aquifer.

South Central Kansas economy, including the Wichita MSA represents more than 20 percent of the state's employment, more than a third of the state's manufacturing employment and payroll, and at least 20 percent of the state personal income. So the quality of life and economic future of more than 20 percent of the state's population and economy is dependent upon the availability of reliable, high quality water resources from the equus beds. When fully developed, the city of Wichita will have water resources to the mid-21st Century to support the anticipated growth of the Wichita MSA.

The project is also essential, as we've heard, to protect from salt intrusion with the hydraulic

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MR. NICHOLS: My name is Bob Nichols. I live in Butler County, just west of Sedgwick County, and I live at 13913 Southwest Prairie Creek Road, Rose Hill, Kansas 67133. I'm retired military. I spent 30 years in the military. I'm a veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam War. I currently serve Rural Water District Number 8, which is served by city of Wichita. Also serve on the Butler Rural Electric Board, which serves electricity to six surrounding counties. I serve on the wholesale -- excuse me -- I serve on the wholesale power board, it's an organization called KEPCo, represents 19 electric co-ops, along with -- along with Westar Energy, Kansas City Power & Light. We're the owner of the Wolf Creek generating plant.

I'm here to support the city of Wichita because in 1981 in the neighborhood I lived in we had several problems with water. One being a shortage of water, or no water, if you may. The other was being the water -- the water being very hard had to be treated. Then came along the problem of nitrates which contaminated the water, and this is caused by overindulgence in farming fertilizers, and this kind of thing in the groundwater. So since then the city of Wichita has served us good water,

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very good water.

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I think it's a bold action that the city of Wichita is willing to do this project that they're wanting to take on to serve their neighbors, be unselfish, and give not only the residents of Wichita but the neighboring communities, and I could name them but there's a lot of them, so I'll pass with that, but they serve them good, viable water. This is the spirit of the co-ops that I mentioned above that I belong to is to serve the neighbors, to make sure the neighbors out in the rural area like in the place where I belong, that serving them with utilities, including water and other utilities, to increase and raise the standard of life for all those people. I grew up on a farm, and we had little or no water, and we had no electricity, so I know about these utilities and I know about the spirit of the co-op in serving and being neighbors to your neighbors. I feel this is an honorable project for the city of Wichita to take on, bless it, and I hope you approve it. Thank you.

. HEARING OFFICER POPE: Thank you. Mike McGinns.

MIKE McGINN,

having been first duly sworn, testified on his

to bring forward are, that the drawdown of the river over the -- with the use of the additional sites over the past two to three years -- the past two of the past three years, one of our permits that we hold has been shut off for usage during those years. We haven't been allowed to use that permit, yet we have a surplus of water in the river, and that concerns me.

I also have a -- the same concerns that some of the others do with the quality of the water that is affecting the aquifer, and the preservation of that for the future, be that the failure of mechanical or what the safeguards are in the quality of the water that's recharged into the aquifer.

Also have some concerns about the safe yield and how that will affect past and future permits. I also have some concerns about the need for additional discharge sites and why that is.

And something that has puzzled me in the past, and maybe it's just something that I don't completely understand, but the project is in inverse relationship to the base flow nodes along the river that I have not understood exactly how that works, maybe I need to research that more deeply, but we have two different directions of flow of the water

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oath as follows:

MR. McGINN: My name is Mike McGinn. I'm a fifth generation farmer and stockman, business owner, in the Sedgwick area. I live in section 33-24-01 west of Sedgwick Township. I do understand the needs for water in the Wichita area and the surrounding communities such as REAP, and I respect the city of Wichita's conservation attempts and practices to preserve the same water that is important to both myself and the generations to pass before us.

I do and will probably reside in stage three of the recharge project and own property in that stage, which is the potential to be a site, and I have attempted to attend most of the meetings set forth in the district to gather information. I wouldn't say that I'm highly versed in all the information, but I've attempted to gather information. Those meetings given by the city of Wichita, the equus beds number two GMD, and also gathering information given by our -- the consultant hired. Mr. Carl Nuzman.

Some of the questions that I had gathered through that experience of information that I don't completely have the answers to, I guess that I want

there. And those are the main concerns that I have, I guess. I appreciate your time.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Thank you. I may have a question. Mr. Rolfs, first, do you have --

MR. ROLFS: I'm sorry. I didn't get your section, township and range.

MR. McGINN: It's Sedgwick Township, Section 33-24-1 west.

MR. ROLFS: And you mentioned a permit that was shut off. What permit number was that?

MR. McGINN: I don't have the permit number with me. I could --

MR. ROLFS: Is it at that same location?
MR. McGINN: No. It's near the city of Halstead.

MR. ROLFS: Okay.

MR. McGINN: That is a surface water permit.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I was going to follow up a little bit on that also. This was a permit that was shut off by order of our office, is that correct?

MR. McGINN: That is correct, Mr. Pope. HEARING OFFICER POPE: Was there a stated purpose for that?

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1 MR. McGINN: Too low -- below the base 2 flow of the river. 3 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Can you be just a 4 little more specific in terms of when that was? 5 MR. McGINN: That would have been in the 6 years -- seasons 2002 and 2003. 7 HEARING OFFICER POPE: In the irrigation 8 season? 9 MR. McGINN: That's correct. HEARING OFFICER POPE: In other words, 10 11 July or August or --12 MR. McGINN: Right. 13 HEARING OFFICER POPE: -- something like 14 that? 15 MR. McGINN: Bruce would probably know 16 those. I had discussion with Bruce on that in the 17 past. 18 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. We probably 19 have records on that so we could know specifically. 20 MR. McGINN: That's correct. 21 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Do you know if 22 that happened to be -- you may not have any way of 23 knowing this, but at the same time, did there happen 24 to be any operations of the demonstration project?

the future.

MR. McGINN: Right.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Right. Okay. I understand what your question is about. You're -- now I understand what type of sites you're talking about now, I think, but is your concern that there would be additional locations at some time in the future that are not now proposed?

MR. McGINN: And allow for additional usage that's not permitted. Maybe I don't understand that completely.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Well --

MR. McGINN: I'm not sure why there is the need for them. Maybe that's how I should state it.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Your concern is you're not sure there's a need for additional recovery sites beyond what has now been proposed or the ones that have been proposed?

MR. McGINN: The ones that are currently in place, the sites that are now currently in place, those permitted wells, that will only have the need for those additional discharge sites in addition to the current wells that are permitted in place.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. I think I

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I would assume that there wasn't.
 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Well, I
 would hope not.
 MR. McGINN: Yeah.
 HEARING OFFICER POPE: The other ques

HEARING OFFICER POPE: The other question I had, again just to clarify, make sure I understand your points here, and your concerns, you raised a question about the need for additional discharge sites.

MR. McGINN: I have no knowledge of that.

MR. McGINN: Yes.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Can you explain to me what you mean by discharge sites?

MR. McGINN: The project states that -in my understanding, anyway, and I'll say it's a
limited understanding, in comparison to many of the
others, that there will be additional discharge
sites drilled in the aquifer in order to recover the
recharged water. And maybe I'm incorrect about
that, but that's the way I understood it.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Recovery.

21 MR. McGINN: Recovery.22 HEARING OFFICER POP

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Is what you're saying? Okay. Okay.

saying? Okay. Okay.MR. McGINN: For future use.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: At some time in

understand your concerns.

MR. McGINN: Okay.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Thank you.

MR. McGINN: Thank you. Appreciate it.
HEARING OFFICER POPE: Let me call one

more time to see if Mr. Weber, Mr. John Weber, by chance is in the room now. I know he signed up earlier today and he may have had to leave.

Let me ask at this point -- that's all the cards that I have that have been turned to me at this point in time. Are there other individuals that are here this evening that wish to make a statement that by chance have not signed up? Okay. I don't see any at this point in time.

MR. NEUWAY: Can we make additional statements? Or that's not allowed?

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Do you have some additional points that you --

MR. NEUWAY: Well, one thing I kind of skipped over --

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Excuse me. Excuse me just a second here. If you want to come forward to the microphone for a brief additional comment, we'll allow that. Keep it very brief here.

MR. NEUWAY: In my presentation I forgot

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to state that I feel that I should be allowed, if they do put water into the storage facility close to my property, that I should be entitled to two independent tests per year done by a test facility of my choosing, paid for by Wichita, for an analysis of comparison for the water quality before and after the storage. And I know all the people that are speaking for the project, I can see where that they seem to think this is a magic bullet that is going to prevent or provide water forever and ever. I cannot believe that that much recharge is going into the little river basin that this thing will be able to sustain Wichita's economy, and I think Wichita should look for other sources of water other than the storage and recharges. I know what it would be like if somebody 50 miles upstream would want to put in the same system, how much Wichita would holler. They would not get it done. And that's about all I've got to say. I thank you.

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HEARING OFFICER POPE: Thank you, Mr. Neuway. Okay. With that, I believe, unless I have missed someone, and I don't believe anyone is indicating at this point a desire to make additional statements, so at this point I will close the public comment period of the hearing.

proceed, if I can get those individuals that are visiting to either take your chairs or take your conversations outside.

Mr. Hinkle, did you have cross-examination for Mr. Dealy?

MR. HINKLE: I do, Your Honor.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Dealy, if you could retake the witness stand.

MR. HINKLE: Mr. Pope, I have a an initial procedural question that I think will shorten my examination a great deal.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okav.

MR. HINKLE: In the document that was filed today, the review of the city of Wichita's motion for modification of applications number 45,569, 45,572, 45,567, and 46,081, it was admitted as an exhibit this morning without objection. In the review today, we have determined that this document contains a number of statements that vary significantly from the agreed MOU, in particular statements that set a water quality standard different from that set out in the MOU at paragraph 8. We have conferred with representatives of the GMD, and that is in error. I believe it will

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I want to personally thank each of you that have taken the time to come this evening and make your statements and those as well that have submitted written statements, or both, so again I appreciate that. I see that it's just after eight o'clock. I will recess the hearing. We close the public comment period at this point, recess the hearing and would ask that the participants in the formal portion of the hearing be prepared to continue this evening, and we will start that in about 10 minutes or so. Thank you very much.

> (There was a recess from 8:04 p.m. to 8:12 p.m.)

HEARING OFFICER POPE: We're going to be reconvening the formal portion of the hearing. Members of the audience, you're certainly welcome to stay. Would like everyone to get their seats that does want to stay. Let me ask counsel for the parties if you're ready to proceed.

MR. HINKLE: (Nodded head up and down.) MR. ADRIAN: We're ready.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Are we back on the record?

THE REPORTER: Yes.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. We will

document that contains language that mirrors that found in the MOU will be filed. And if that's the case, I just -- I'll just a have a couple of questions for Mr. Dealy, but I'd like to confirm that.

be acknowledged as such and that a replacement

MR. ADRIAN: Yes. That was pointed out to me, and in our conference I agreed -- we agreed that the Memorandum of Understanding is -- prevails when there's an inconsistency with the review, and there is an inconsistency repeated I think probably three times or so, so we would advise you that he is correct in saying that the Memorandum of Understanding, the standards set out in the Memorandum of Understanding is the standard that should be applied. With regard to filing a substitute document, we haven't really finalized how that will be done or what that should look like. I suppose we could do it in a one-page amendment to those portions, if that would be all right, but we will provide you with a written clarification of

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I understand that there's not a disagreement amongst the parties in regard to this particular item, so I believe it would be appropriate to simply ask the district to

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file the amendment or supplement to this, which I believe was marked as District Exhibit 4, was it?

MR. HINKLE: That's correct.

MR. ADRIAN: It is, yes.

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HEARING OFFICER POPE: And if you would -- sounds like that counsel have conferred. If you would do that and if that document could be submitted within say the next 15 days or so, then it would -- I know we have holidays coming up. Is that --

> MR. ADRIAN: Oh, I'm sure Mike can do it. MR. DEALY: No problem.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: If you need more time than that, I'd suspect that we'll have time to do that, but I'll just leave it to you to say approximately that amount of time, and if that will be submitted to the record -- excuse me.

MR. ROLFS: You might work it out so you submit it to Wichita so they can look it over and make sure that you're both in agreement with what's coming in.

MR. ADRIAN: We will do that.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: That's fine. In our final comments, we'll see whether there's other issues that we need to resolve it, but thank you.

1 understood your testimony to effectively say that.

Would you agree with that statement?

3 A The conditions that have been recommended to the 4

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chief engineer by the board for the specific 5 applications as well as the MOU set up a system of

6 monitoring and data collection that basically will 7

ensure that those bank storage wells will be pumping

8 bank storage water.

9 Q All right. Thank you. And issue number six asks if 10 those same recommendations from GMD2, including the

11 provisions of the MOU, as to the flows that must be

12 passing the bank storage wells before bank storage

13 water may be diverted by the wells, if those

14 standards are adequate to protect the existing

15 downstream water rights from impairment, minimum

16 desired stream flows and ensure the public interest?

17 A Again, those conditions that are in each of the 18 applications and the MOU set forth the stream flows

19 during certain times of the year that will protect

20 not only minimum desirable steam flow base flow and

21 downstream users, surface water users.

22 Q And issue number eight, we may have effectively

addressed this already in the stipulation before 23 24 your questioning here, whether modification of these

25 applications and the filing of the new application

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MICHAEL T. DEALY,

recalled as a witness, having been previously duly sworn, testified further as follows:

CROSS-EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. HINKLE:

6 Q Mr. Dealy, you are familiar with the changes in the 7 city of Wichita's plan that are described in the 8 modification of the applications and the new 9 application.

10 A That's correct, yes, I am.

11 Q Those modifications and the new -- and the new 12 application don't alter the scope of the project, do 13 they?

14 A No, they don't.

15 Q And you do believe that the provisions in the MOU do 16 adequately protect the public interest in this 17 matter?

18 A That is correct.

19 Q A couple of the issues we have yet to directly 20 address that are -- were set out in the prehearing 21 order, specifically number four, request that -- are 22 the recommendations of GMD2 including provisions of 23 the Memorandum of Understanding with Wichita

24 adequate to ensure that only bank storage water be 25 will be diverted by the bank storage wells? I

are significant enough to change the nature and

2 impact of the proposed project. I think you said,

3 no, it isn't an alteration in scope, is that right?

4 A The conditions -- or the modifications of the two 5 bank storage wells and the modification or change in

6 the location of the one ASR well do not materially 7

alter the overall phase one of the project.

8 Q Okay. And just to use the exact language requested 9 of the chief engineer, they don't alter the nature

10 and impact of the proposed project.

A That's correct. 11

12 Q They do not necessitate changes to the city of

13 Wichita's groundwater and accounting model, do they?

14 Or, if so, those are taken into account.

15 A The model that was presented today, the accounting 16 model --

Q Yes. 17

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18 A -- and the information that I saw today, that was

19 the first time I've actually seen the examples that 20 were presented, and looking at that, plus what the

21 modifications that are going to be made, I don't see

22 that that's going to effectively change that

23 accounting system.

24 Q Additionally, these modifications in the new

25 application don't affect the substance of your -- of



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2 A -- 081, and the recommendations that are submitted 3 with our response to your MOU.

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4 Q Yes.

5 A That is correct.

6 Q And that these modifications and the new application

7 would not prejudicially and unreasonably affect the

8 public interest.

9 A That is correct.

10 O Indeed, that's the reason for the terms of the MOU and the additional terms and the response comments, 11

is that correct?

13 A Yes. And specifically stated within the conditions 14 are those words that the -- that either the bank 15 storage wells or the ASR wells cannot impair 16 existing users or prejudicially affect the public 17 interest.

MR. HINKLE: Thank you. I have nothing further.

MR. ADRIAN: I have no redirect.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. There is no redirect. Let me ask Mr. Rolfs if he has questions.

EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. ROLFS:

25 Q I just had one question. Back when you were doing

3 specifically stated, is that correct? 4 I mean, you have, obviously in this document 5 that you filed, submitted modifications that reflect 6 those modifications in the application. 7 A That is correct. 8 O And these will in fact be modified themselves to 9 conform to the stipulation that took place prior to 10 your cross-examination. 11 A I think the way that we have configured that, 12 Exhibit 4, in basically saying that the board of 13 directors recommend to the chief engineer that those 14 applications are approved subject to the Memorandum 15 of Understanding and to the following conditions. 16 that the Memorandum of Understanding governs overall 17 if there's any questions or any inconsistency in the 18 conditions that follow in our response to the city's 19 20 O You believe that those terms and conditions 21 adequately protect the public's interest in this 22 regard?

Q And that they take appropriate -- they have

appropriate consideration for and protect the

the GMD2's recommendations concerning the proposed

project, including its MOU, except to the extent

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1 your presentation, I think on your first condition

2 15, you were running through some numbers about cfs

3 values, and the first one was 57 cfs it showed on

4 the screen, and I think you said 75 cfs when you

5 were talking about it verbally. Were you -- which

6 one of those is correct?

7 A 57. I inverted those. It should be 57. It would 8 be the cubic feet per second for the base flow that

9 would be equal to or less than would be considered 10

base flow at the Halstead gage. 11

MR. ROLFS: Thank you, then. I have no further questions.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Bagley.

EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. BAGLEY:

Q Just one question. With the -- moving those two 16 17 bank storage wells further north, I notice there was

18 some domestic wells to the south that you're moving

19 away from, which would apparently improve the

20 spacing to those. I was wondering, because the

21 monitoring wells that were going to be in there had 22

also moved to the north, are those domestic wells, 23 by any chance, something that be can be measured,

24 water levels measured?

25 A The provisions of our recommendation talk about that

1 downstream water right holders from impairment. 2 A The conditions that were set forth in our 3 recommendations specifically addressing the stream 4 flows in the Little Ark River and setting the base 5 flow triggers, include provisions for minimum 6 desirable stream flow, base flows, and existing 7 downstream surface water users, so they would be ---8 all three of those would basically be adequately 9 protected.

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A Yes, I do.

A Protected under the conditions and recommendations 11 12 that have been made to the chief engineer, including

13 the Memorandum of Understanding.

14 Q And you understand that question relates to the modified applications and the new application. 15

16 A That is correct.

17 Q That the -- you would also agree that the

18 modifications and the new application when viewed in

19 conjunction with the MOU and the additional agreed

20 terms would not cause impairment of water rights 21 with a priority senior to the date these

22 modifications were requested and the new application

23 filed, is that correct?

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within a quarter of a mile of a bank storage well 2 that there shall be water quality samples collected 3 to set an ambient baseline. Typically when we take 4 a water level sample we also grab a water level. 5 But specifically we have not addressed the water 6 levels in that regard.

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- 7 Q I guess my question more relates to the fact that 8 the monitoring wells that were going to be in place. 9 if those two originally filed for locations are bank 10 storage wells, had they stayed there, you had some 11 monitoring wells that were going to go in there. 12 When those wells were moved back to the north and 13 west, the monitoring wells that were going to go in 14 also moved with them, as I understood, and my -- I 15 guess initially I thought the lower -- where the 16 lower wells -- or the wells that were proposed 17 originally, there was some monitoring wells that 18 would be in the vicinity, which they're not going to 19 be there now, according to this proposal, and I was 20 curious if those domestic wells in that area could
- 21 be measured in lieu of. 22 A We didn't specifically include that in our 23 recommendations. If you're looking at more of a 24 informal data collection type situation, yes, we can 25 certainly measure the water levels in those wells.

there at Halstead. When we looked at the -- setting the base flows for these seven bank storage wells, we agreed that the gage at the Halstead -- or at the Little Ark River at U.S. 50 would be the -- still remain the same -- you know, the gauging station for those seven bank storage wells.

What we had to do basically was to look upstream and go north of the bank storage northernmost well, and then include in any bank storage -- not bank storage, but base flow nodes, add that to that 42 cfs, plus add any upstream user -- or downstream users from that point, and add that to that 42 cfs, which then reset the value for base flow to 57 cfs at the Halstead gage.

- 15 Q So if I understand correctly, and if the city wants 16 to address this from that perspective, they'll have 17 an opportunity to ask some questions, too, but -- so 18 the value at the Halstead gage would then be 57 cfs, and that does account for intervening water rights 19
- 20 and base flow nodes?
- 21 A That's correct. 22 Q So there's no further adjustment needed from the 57.

23 That is the adjusted value.

24 A That is base flow trigger, but in order to operate a 25 bank storage well, they would have to -- flows at

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MR. BAGLEY: Okay. I think that's all. **EXAMINATION**

- 2 BY HEARING OFFICER POPE: 4 Q Mr. Dealy, I have a couple of questions that I think 5 largely are follow-up to something Mr. Rolfs was 6 trying to also get clarified, and that was on the 7 stream flow values that would be a condition of this 8 project. I had jotted down here, and certainly the 9 testimony and the documentation will govern, but for 10 the two different periods of the year, I think it 11 was April 1 through September 30, the 57 cfs, and 12 the October 1 through March 31, 20 cfs, as the 13 recommended flows that would need to be met before 14 the project could operate, I want to first confirm 15 that I have those right, because I thought I also 16 understood in some earlier testimony or one of the 17 documents, something about 42 cfs for the earlier 18 period. Is there -- are the district's 19 recommendations different than what were otherwise proposed, or is there some -- I just want to make
- 20 21 sure I understand at least what the district's
- 22 recommendation is and if there's other clarification 23 needed.
- 24 A I heard, that, too, on the city's testimony, 42 cfs. 25 Now, 42 cfs was used for the demonstration project

- 1 the Halstead gage along U.S. 50 would have to be 57 2 cfs, plus the quantity of the bank storage well in
- 3 order to turn on.
- 4 Q That's the further adjustment you had spoken of 5 earlier, so --
- 6 A You're going to have this -- what we wanted to 7 prevent was to -- if we get a flow of like 60 cfs at
- 8 the Halstead gage, we didn't want all seven bank 9 storage wells going on all at once because they
- 10 would -- the combined total pumpage of those would
- 11 be -- would exceed and bring us -- or exceed the 57 12
 - cfs and then cause stream impairment, so what we're
- 13 doing is basically saying, if you -- we have
- 14 maintain -- we have to have 57 cfs plus, and this
- 15 would be 2.23 cfs for each bank storage well. So in
- 16 order to turn on the first bank storage well, you
- 17 would have to have flows at the Halstead gage of
- 18 59.23 cfs. You turn on a second one, you're going
- 19 to have to progressively add those, it's a
- 20 cumulative effect, to get them all up to the seven
- 21 bank storage wells operating at once.
- 22 Q And that methodology is spelled out in the detail in 23 your recommendations?
- 24 A That's correct.
- 25 Q Okay. Now, you mentioned the existing surface

- 1 rights that would exist in this same reach. Is your
- 2 proposal that that -- the amount of the pumping rate
- 3 be added in, much in the way that the rate for the
- 4 bank storage wells would be, or -- or on a real-time
- 5 operational basis?
- 6 A The pumping rate for those existing surface water
- 7 rights are already in the 57 cfs, so those are in
- 8 there and basically protected.
- 9 Q Okay. So no further adjustment would be needed for
- 10 them.
- 11 A That's right.
- 12 Q That being 57, but if two bank storage wells were
- 13 being simultaneously operated, you're saying that
- then the gage flow would actually need to be 57 plus
- 15 2.23 plus 2.23.
- 16 A Correct.
- 17 Q To get to a total value that should be measured at
- 18 the gage.

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- 19 A That's correct. And the same way on the down curve.
- 20 As the flow decreases, as it comes down, then
- 21 they're going to have to start shutting the wells
- 22 off if they don't meet that flow.
 - HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. I think I
- 24 understand that. Okay. I don't believe I have
- 25 further questions, unless there's some -- let me ask

- 1 Q State your name, address and occupation, please.
- 2 A Bob Seiler, 13501 West 85th North, Valley Center.
 - I'm a farmer/dairyman south of Bentley.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Seiler, would you move the mic up a little bit higher. You may

6 have to speak up just a little bit so people can

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- A In this part of the hearing I've decided I'm the only one that isn't being paid to be here, and I
- 10 think that probably makes my testimony very unsound,
- 11 doesn't it?
- 12 Q I think you're the only one without Power Point.
- 13 You are a member of the Equus Beds Groundwater
- 14 Management District Board, are you not?
- 15 A Yes, I am.
- 16 Q Do you hold an office with that board?
- 17 A Been on the board four years and I've been president 18 now for two years of that board.
- 19 Q Would you -- I want to direct your attention to the
- 20 process that the board went through in considering
- 21 and eventually recommending these applications that
- 22 are under consideration today.
- Would you begin, however, but describe how the
- 24 board considers what I would call the more common
 - applications that come before the board, how are
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- specifically city of Wichita if you had any further
- 2 questions. I may have -- I didn't want -- I want to
- 3 make sure I didn't generate some concern or some
- questions that need to be clarified on this lastpoint.
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 - MR. HINKLE: No. We're fine.
 - MR. ADRIAN: Nothing further.
 - HEARING OFFICER POPE: No further
- 9 redirect. Thank you, Mr. Dealy.
- 10 A Thank you, Mr. Pope.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER POPE: You may step down:
- 12 MR. ADRIAN: Call Bob Seiler.
- 13 BOB SEILER,
- 14 called as a witness, having been first duly
- sworn, testified as follows:
- 16 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. ADRIAN:
- 18 Q Would you state your name, address and occupation.
- 19 A Bob Seiler. Let me get this on right.
- 20 Q Excuse me.
- 21 A Bob Seiler. Can you hear?
- 22 HEARING OFFICER POPE: It's probably not
- turned on.
- 24 Q I jumped the gun. I'm sorry.
- 25 A I'm not that high tech.

- 1 those handled?
- 2 A Normally on a common application, it will be
- 3 approved by staff, or disapproved, and then we will
- 4 as a board, if the applicant desires an appeal, they
- 5 will appeal to the district and the board will hear
- 6 the appeal. Normally, we do not hear applications
- 7 on a normal basis. Our usual basis is most of them
- 8 are handled -- if there's no regulation problem,
- 9 they're all handled by staff.
- 10 Q So really the staff is given a standard to use to
- apply to those applications. If they meet that
- standard, then they're approved; if they don't, then
- they come -- they have the right to appeal to the
- board, and that's when you hear them.
- 15 A Yes.

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- 16 Q The process that was followed with these
 - applications -- well, first of all, these
- applications were like none you'd ever seen before,
- 19 isn't that correct?
- 20 A Yes, but we have dealt with probably three
- 21 applications in this matter in the last couple
- years, I guess, that we thought were a little more
- 23 unusual and a little more -- needed to take extra
- 24 time by the board, in effect, and that's -- this
- application was a first of its kind, and we thought

- 1 it was very important to the district and we thought 2
 - it was imperative that the board take action on it.
- 3 Q So what happened was that you eventually arranged
- 4 for and held a public hearing, did you not?
- 5 A Yes, we did.
- 6 Q And that took place when and where, if you recall?
- 7 A We had that hearing July 27th. The board had -- or
- 8 the staff had went through the applications and made
- 9 their recommendations and had that available for us
- 10 that day, and we had also hired Carl Nuzman, a
- 11 hydrologist that we heard earlier today, the board
- 12 had hired him a year ago, and we had him prepare
- 13 stuff for that day.
- 14 Q You had some public input also that day, did you
- 15 not?
- 16 A Yeah, we had probably 50 people at the hearing, and
- 17 we had -- we really wanted to give the public a
- 18 chance to talk about it. It probably deflected some
- 19 of the hearing tonight maybe from David, and you
- 20 ought to thank us for that, but we did really want
- 21 to make it an opportunity for the patrons of the
- 22 district -- the patrons of this district live in the
- 23 district and that's -- we've heard tonight from
- 24. several people that live outside the district and
- 25 are -- and are using our water, and would have a

- 1 city office or --
- 2 A Yeah, we went to city hall and Dave Warren and David
- 3 Stous from Burns and Mac and Jeff Klein were
- 4 involved, and myself and Frank Harper, our vice
- 5 president, Mike Dealy was there, and Carl Nuzman.
- 6 And we went over the issues of concern that I think
- 7 Carl expressed earlier in his testimony, and then
- 8 also his exhibit here.
- 9 Q The net result of that meeting with the city and the
- 10 people that you've mentioned was a document entitled
- the Memorandum of Understanding, is that correct? 11
- 12 A Yes, it was.
- 13 O And that's the same memorandum that has been
- 14 referred to frequently throughout this hearing
- 1.5 today.

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- 16 A Yes, it is.
- 17 Q Did you -- so that memorandum was prepared in
- 18 various forms and edited, was it not, and eventually
 - it came to the board for consideration and vote.
- 20 A Yes, we reviewed it. The people that were involved
- 21 in the meeting reviewed it, and then we reviewed it
- 22 together before our August board meeting and then it
- 23 was presented to the board at the August meeting.
- 24 We took a couple hours going over the MOU, and David
- 25 Warren was there to help facilitate that, and so we
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- 1 stake, and we felt like it was an important stake to
- 2 listen to.
- 3 Q At that board meeting, at the -- on the same
- 4 location at the same time that you held the public
- 5 meeting you did discuss these applications and what
- 6 action the board should or could take in that
- 7 regard, did you not?
- 8 A Yes. We gave Jerry Blain an opportunity to address
- 9 the board and Carl and Mike and Don Koci, who is
- 10 here, gave their recommendations, and then the board
- 11 spent quite a bit of time in discussion on -- after
- 12 some patrons did give their testimony, too, but the
- 13 board spent quite a bit of time in discussion, and
- 14 we were I guess getting close to impasse probably,
- 15 of no decision, and David Warren from the city of
- 16 Wichita offered to sit down with a couple
- 17 representatives of the board and our staff and our
- 18 consultant and see if we could work through some of
- 19 main issues that were of concern.
- 20 Q Did you do that?
- 21 A Yes, we did.
- 22 Q Do you remember when you did that?
- 23 A The first few days of August, I believe, is what the
- 24 time frame was.
- 25 Q And that meeting I assume was held in Wichita at the

- 1 had input from both sides.
 - Q So would it be fair to say that you felt that there
- 3 was adequate input into this memorandum, and you --
- 4 you and I think Frank Harper was also at that
- 5 meeting, were able to recommend it to the board for
- 6 adoption?
- 7. A Yes. We felt like -- the board, you know, all along
- 8 has felt the need to do something about the salt
- 9 plume and try to retard that flow and also help on
- 10 the south with the big river, salt intrusion, and we
- 11 felt that there was a need to be involved in this
- 12 project. We wanted it done right, and we felt like
- 13 we'd like to be a player in it, if it was done, and
- 14 we wanted to be a participant in it, hopefully,
- 15 if -- if the project could be done correctly.
- 16 Q The Memorandum of Understanding, then, was -- with
 - the attachment to it and the recommendations that
- 18 were previously sent to -- or the recommendations
- 19 were sent to the chief engineer as a result of the
- 20 action of the board, were they not?
- 21 A Yes, they were.
- 22 Q And I think the action of the board, if I recall
- 23 correctly, was unanimous, was it not?
- 24 A No.

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25 Q No?



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- . 1 A Jerry abstained.
- 2 Q Oh. You're referring to Jerry Blain, are you not?
- 3 A Yes, I am.
- 4 Q So with that abstention, all the other votes were in
- 5 the affirmative --
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q -- were they not?
- 8 A Yes, they were.
- 9 Q I guess it would be fair to say, would it not, that
- 10 you -- the board certainly isn't -- or is sensitive
- 11 to the concerns, as you said earlier, of the
- 12 patrons, of the residents within the district.
- 13 A I think we've spent probably two and a half years on
- 14 this project and I can guess almost 25 percent of
- 15 our board meeting time on listening to the ASR and
- 16 trying to understand the issues, and we are very
- 17 concerned about them issues, and I think we've -- we
- 18 see the good side, we see the risk, and we hope that
- 19 the good side will offset the risk.
- 20 Q And some of the areas of specific concern you had as
- 21 I recall were -- dealt with the water that will be
- 22 withdrawn in the bank storage wells, and you felt
- 23 that was adequately addressed in the Memorandum of
- 24 Understanding?

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25 A Yeah, I think it was. We put in the stipulations of 1 not?

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- 2 A Yes. Yes, we do.
- 3 Q So I -- would -- it would be fair to say, would it
- 4 not, that if you do anticipate -- or observe some
 - problem arising that the board -- you feel like
- 6 you've retained enough authority and jurisdiction to
- 7 take some further action?
- A We would like to be a player. 8
- 9 Q So all in all you feel that the recommendation of
- 10 the board and the Memorandum of Understanding are
- 11 adequate to protect the public interest?
- 12 A Yes. I hope so. I mean, I hate to be -- yes,
- 13 because I don't have the lawyer skills that some of
- 14 these people have, and I hope we've made the right
- 15 decisions, and the other thing that we did put in
- 16 was the four year -- we called it a sunset, but more
- 17 or less a four-year review of what's happening with
- 18 the bank storage wells where we can make adjustments
- 19 if we need to or change order, or even if it isn't
- 20 working, we can stop the project.
- 21 Q You've also considered as a board the motion for
- 22 modification, the change in the wells that again
- 23 have been referred to extensively today and it was
- 24 board action to approve those essentially as
- 25 Mr. Dealy reviewed.

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- the 1,000 per minute per bank storage well, and then
- 2 we also put in the -- added the screen to the upper
- 3 aquifer, so we have continuous screening through the
- 4 upper and lower aquifer on the bank storage wells.
- 5 We hope that that will ensure that the water is bank
- 6 storage water. In order for this project to work,
- 7 it has to be bank storage water. We don't want to
- 8 recirculate water, we want to make sure we are 9
- taking new water to the aquifer and recharging it, 10 or the project has a very limited effect. So that's
- 11 a very important issue.
- 12 Q And do you feel that the recommendations of the
- 13 board were adequate also to protect the downstream
- 14 water rights from impairment?
- 15 A Yeah, I think we have -- we have, to the best of our
- 16 knowledge, we've been able to -- we've done that, I
- 17 hope. Time will only tell, and that's -- you know,
- 18 it's easy to sit up here and say, yes, we've taken
- 19 care of that, and, yes, it's going to work, but we
- 20 hope we've made the right safeguards to make the
- 21 project work; and if it doesn't work, we hope we
- 22 have the safeguards in place that we can adjust the
- 23 project.
- 24 Q Well, you also have considerable and continuous
- 25 board involvement in review of this matter, do you

A Yes, it was. Didn't see any changes that would affect what we had already decided and confirmed.

3 MR. ADRIAN: All right. I think I have

4 no other questions then.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

- 6 BY MR. HINKLE:
- 7 Q Mr. Seiler.
- 8 A Yes.

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- 9 Q You still stand -- the board still stands by the MOU
- 10 and the powers of review that it gives you, don't
- 11 you?
- 12 A Yes.

MR. HINKLE: I have no further questions.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay., There's no

15 questions from Mr. Rolfs or Mr. Bagley, and I don't 16

know that I do either, Mr. Seiler. Appreciate your

17 time and comments. And I know the district has put

18 an awful lot of time and effort into this project, 19 you personally and other members of the board.

THE WITNESS: I appreciate what they've

20 done. Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Let me -- I'm

23 sorry. Did --24

MR. ADRIAN: I was just going to announce that I have no other witnesses.

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2004 letter that I recall seeing is the one that was the original recommendations from GMD2, is that

MR. LANG: That's correct.
(Off-the-record discussion.)

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Bagley is pointing out here that he believes that in the DWR exhibits there are a series of individual exhibits, one for each application, that have these letters of August 12th. There's one for each application, and those are, for example, Exhibit B, C and so forth, dealing with each application. Are -- do you find those in your sets? They should be there, and I think they are.

MR. LANG: If they're in yours, why, we're okay.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I think if we've got the official sets here I think we're okay, but I think -- let me just show for the record that it is our intention that each of the letters of recommendation dated August 12th, 2004 with the submittal and the attachments is intended to be a part of these exhibits. I think they are included. But thank you for raising that question. Are there other questions that you --

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. That was going to be my next question, so thank you. Appreciate that.

I wanted to ensure, in regard to some reservation the city had in regard to Mr. Dealy's testimony that you had -- you had taken care of all additional responsive --

MR. HINKLE: I did.

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HEARING OFFICER POPE: -- questions that you had. I'm going to -- if we have no further witnesses, then, I think we'd indicated in the prehearing order that we would provide for an opportunity for brief closing comments. If each of you would like to do that, I do have a couple of other things I want to just in terms of procedural -- ask if there's any procedural questions, and I have a few that we may need to deal with. Mr. Lang.

MR. LANG: Mr. Pope, just a couple of exhibit items that we want to get clarified at some point here before we finish.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Why don't we deal with that right now.

MR. LANG: Okay. The district, in the four exhibits that they have announced, one of them

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letter from the district to the chief engineer, that is identified in DWR's exhibits as Exhibit S, but it does not appear to be there, at least not in our copy. It is -- it's the attachment to each of the -- it's in the list of exhibits that's referenced in each of the applications as being -- as being an Exhibit S, GMD letter to chief engineer August 12, 2004, but in our copy at least it's not there, and we just want to make sure it's in the

District Exhibit Number 1, which is an August 12

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Yes, I appreciate that. Mr. Bagley's going to be checking here right quick. And you're speaking now of the August 12, 2004 letters, but the attachment is what you're specifically -- or not the letters at all in there?

MR. LANG: This would be the initial recommendation from the district, as we understand, that was later modified by attachment A to the MOU, but the August 12 letter is -- from the district is not is there.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Let me go off the record for just a second and check something.

(Off-the-record discussion.)

HEARING OFFICER POPE: The August 12,

We submitted and you accepted today a City Exhibit MM, which was an update on the city's access to the properties where it will have wells. As indicated on that, each property we have either a contract signed by the property owner or a letter of intent signed by the property owner. Is -- and chief engineer asked for that by the time of the hearing

MR. LANG: I have one other, if I may.

status. Do you continue to want update on the documentation or will this be sufficient for

purposes of issue one?HEARING OFF

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Just a second. Yes, Mr. Lang, we appreciate the update from today. The answer to your question is yes, I would like to have the updates, so that we would then have the notice and appropriate copies of documents for each of the final contracts or documents that relate to that access. I essentially am saying that we will need those before we act on those applications so that is not a loose end that's not been dealt with, so I believe that's consistent with the rules and regulations that we have in place, and I understand that that's a process that you believe is ongoing with the letters of intent.

MR. LANG: That's right.

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HEARING OFFICER POPE: So is that something that you would expect to be revolved here in the next few weeks or is there a time frame?

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MR. LANG: Yes, it's very close. And the city council has authorized the mayor's execution on all those. We're just waiting for the final contracts to come in from a few of the property owners.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I think for purposes of the record I will keep the record open for purposes of allowing those documents to be submitted. If for some reason we run into a problem, we will -- I'll reserve the right to deal with that issue in some follow-up way you with you and the other parties, but I'm going to assume for purposes of this proceeding that in due course here in the next few weeks that will be resolved.

Likewise, we have another item that we spoke of earlier, and that was the clarification of the Exhibit 4 from the district, and I'll accept that as hearing that the parties are working cooperatively to secure that acceptable language consistent with the MOU that that -- the record will also allow that document to be submitted here in due course in the next two or three weeks, and that will become a

them.

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MR. ADRIAN: I think I had already handed you a copy of ours, but I have no objection to those all being provided to you.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: If you did, I have it here in my pile. Is that hard copy or electronic?

MR. ADRIAN: It's electronic.
HEARING OFFICER POPE: We'll make sure we have that.

MR. ADRIAN: I've got another one.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: I think you actually did provide that. And, let's see, for the district you just had the one presentation.

MR. ADRIAN: Yes, but that contains both Mr. Dealy's and Mr. Nuzman.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Good. For the city, other than the one from the U.S. Geological Survey, are there other Power Point documents that would be available?

MR. LANG: Yes, we are -- I think we have all the rest of the city witnesses on one disk.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: If that's available now that would be great, if not, we can make arrangements to receive that later.

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supplemental to District Exhibit Number 4, then. That's an appropriate way to handle that.

Let me ask if there's other loose ends related to exhibits? Have all of the exhibits that have been tendered been admitted? I have one other loose end that I want to raise, but do the parties believe that all exhibits from the city and from the district as well those that were provided by the DWR have now been acted upon and admitted?

have now been acted upon and admitted?

This was a question Mr. Rolfs has raised, and I had a similar one. I understand that the Power Point presentations were used to assist with testimony. Several of those have been provided, but I know we have one from the USGS testimony that Andy Ziegler provided. I think we have others that have been provided from some of your witnesses. My question I guess to counsel first before I act here is if it would be possible to have a complete copy of each of those as they were presented? I think that will help just facilitate us going through this material, since it's pretty voluminous, and that the -- that might help with the record in terms of digesting what was being said. Is there objection to all of those being submitted or is there reason

why they can't be submitted? Maybe we already have

MR. LANG: I think it's on its way up to you.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. Is there a -- is there a preference in terms of whether those -- how these be treated? They've not been offered as exhibits, but --

MR. ADRIAN: With reverence.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Just use these as reference materials? I'm not sure whether to --

MR. ADRIAN: With reverence, yeah, reverence.

HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. All right. Thank you. Okay. With that, then, are there other procedural questions before I ask if there are closing comments, and among those, given the fact that we had a public comment portion here this evening, we did not provide for the normal cross-examination of that purposely so because of agreement of parties as well as -- as not wanting to do anything that would discourage people from participating in this proceeding.

Are there any loose ends or desire of the parties to respond in any way to anything that's been provided this evening? Okay. I see no comment.

Page 386 Page 388 . 1 MR. LANG: Will the division make copies 1 2 CERTIFICATE 2 of the letters from the public available to us or 3 3 can we get copies, I guess. STATE OF KANSAS) 4 HEARING OFFICER POPE: We would be 4) ss: 5 willing and happy to make copies of all of the BUTLER COUNTY) 6 written statements that have been provided if both 5 7 parties would like those, we'd be happy to do that. 6 I, Michelle D. Hancock, a Certified Shorthand 7 Reporter within and for the State of Kansas, do hereby 8 MR. ADRIAN: We would, yes, we'd like 8 certify that the foregoing is a full and correct 9 copies. 9 transcript of all the oral evidence and oral proceedings 10 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Mr. Rolfs, would 10 had in this matter at the aforementioned time and place. 11 you make a note on that. Okay. With that, let me 11 WITNESS my hand and official seal at Augusta, 12 now turn to the applicant first, the city, and see 12 Butler County, Kansas, this 8th day of February, 2005. 13 if you have some closing comments to make. 13 14 14 MR. LANG: City will waive its closing MICHELLE D. HANCOCK, CSR, RPR 15 comments. We feel the record is complete and we've 15 Certified Shorthand Reporter 16 presented what we hope is the basis of making a Registered Professional Reporter 17 decision today. 16 18 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay, Thank you 17 19 very much. And the district? 18 20 MR. ADRIAN: We would likewise waive 19 20 21 closing argument. 21 22 HEARING OFFICER POPE: Okay. That's nice 22 23 and quick. Maybe it had something to do with the 23 24 hour. But I appreciate -- let me make a comment at 24 25 this point. I appreciate the diligence and the 25

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cooperative effort that the parties have shown in terms of providing documentation so that we could have an orderly proceeding, and one of my goals was to make sure we gave everyone an opportunity to be heard and to have a fair and complete, thorough process. Hopefully we have achieved that goal, and I mean that both from the standpoint of the parties and your witnesses and the professionalism that has been shown as well as the members of the general public that are here and their participation.

With that, unless there's other questions, I will close the hearing subject to keeping the record open for purposes that have been so stated earlier, and any unresolved issue that we need to deal with, I reserve the right to contact the parties in that regard; otherwise, we'll consider this matter concluded and thank you very much. For the record, it's about 9:05 p.m.

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