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- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good morning. We're
- 3 back on the record. It is October 10th, 2007. We're
- 4 resuming the hearing in Case No. ER-2007-0291.
- 5 Something I want to -- to bring to the
- 6 parties' attention. I was just reviewing an order I
- 7 had issued earlier -- several months ago as far as
- 8 the procedural schedule and also listing a briefing
- 9 schedule, and looking at -- I believe the current
- 10 briefing deadline would be November 15th, and that
- 11 would leave me virtually no time to write a Report
- 12 and Order, as I'm -- as I'm thinking about it.
- And so what I will do is change that,
- 14 and I'm going to wait for the transcripts to roll in.
- 15 I mean, the transcripts are being expedited, and I
- 16 will at least give you the notice that as the
- 17 transcripts come in -- excuse me. Once they're --
- 18 they're finally in, I mean, they're gonna come in in
- 19 volumes, but once the final day's transcript is in, I
- 20 will then issue an order for briefs, and that will
- 21 likely give you 15 days after that to file your
- 22 briefs.
- So, for example, you know, if the
- 24 transcript -- and I wouldn't issue an order until
- 25 every single bit of the transcript is in, so when the

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1 final day's transcript is in and posted on EFIS, I
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- 2 will then issue an order probably that day or maybe
- 3 the next day saying, okay, now you've got 15 days
- 4 from now to send in your brief which would roughly
- 5 put it early November, just to give you a heads-up.
- 6 That's moving the briefing schedule up
- 7 probably about two weeks or so. But I thought I
- 8 would just at least give you an alert that that's my
- 9 intention to do that so you can plan accordingly.
- 10 Okay. All right. I understand we would
- 11 be going on to Mr. Watkins on class cost of service
- 12 and rate design. Is there anything from counsel
- 13 before he takes the stand?
- 14 MR. MILLS: Judge, just -- just with
- 15 respect to that last issue you brought up --
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, sir.
- 17 MR. MILLS: -- about the briefs and the
- 18 transcripts. To my knowledge, none of the
- 19 transcripts are yet in EFIS.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: That's correct.
- 21 MR. MILLS: Okay. So we've gone, what,
- 22 nine days from the first day and we still don't have
- 23 transcripts of the first day officially in EFIS,
- 24 so --
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: They're not in EFIS. I

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1 understand they're actually physically in -- in the
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- 2 adjudication division and --
- 3 MR. MILLS: Okay.
- 4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: -- the first day or two
- 5 might be posted on EFIS perhaps as early as today.
- 6 MR. MILLS: Because if we're doing a
- 7 relatively quick briefing schedule, we could get
- 8 started on some of the earlier issues when the
- 9 transcripts are actually up and available. So the
- 10 quicker those get there, the quicker we can get to
- 11 work on them.
- 12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Oh, I agree. I just
- 13 don't -- I just don't think it's fair to order briefs
- 14 until the entire transcript is in and everybody --
- MR. MILLS: Right. I'm just hoping that
- 16 whoever is in charge of putting them in EFIS --
- 17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yeah.
- 18 MR. MILLS: -- is not going to wait
- 19 until the very last day and then put them all in at
- 20 once because we could -- we could get a head start on
- 21 some of the earlier issues if we've got them.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Absolutely. And I will
- 23 double check with someone in adjudication, but it's
- 24 my understanding that they're aware of that and we'll
- 25 try to get those posted on EFIS. Again, I think the

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1 first day or two maybe have come in, and hopefully
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- 2 those will be posted on EFIS in the next day or two.
- 3 MR. MILLS: All right. Thanks.
- 4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: But thanks for bringing
- 5 that up.
- 6 MR. BRUDER: If I may, sir?
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, sir.
- 8 MR. BRUDER: Two things I wanted to just
- 9 touch upon very briefly. First of all, I have talked
- 10 to all of the parties, and it appears to me that
- 11 everyone is willing to waive cross-examination of the
- 12 DOE witness, Mr. Gary Price --
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay.
- MR. BRUDER: -- we had thought would.
- 15 There is one party who is not present, and I don't
- 16 know the name of the party. The lawyer is Diana.
- 17 I'm not gonna try to pronounce that last name.
- 18 MR. WOODSMALL: She won't have
- 19 questions.
- MR. BRUDER: Well, she won't have any
- 21 questions. Okay.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Woodsmall, on behalf
- 23 of Ms. Vuylsteke, is --
- MR. WOODSMALL: And the only reason I
- 25 state that is because we share a witness.

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1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yeah. I think -- I
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- 2 think their interests are pretty well aligned, so ...
- 3 MR. BRUDER: Okay. Then with everyone's
- 4 permission, I will inform Mr. Price that he need not
- 5 be present, he won't have to come down from Madison,
- 6 Wisconsin for one day, and the department and he and
- 7 I appreciate that very much.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. And is there
- 9 any -- any objection from counsel? It sounds like
- 10 Mr. Price will not stand cross-examination?
- 11 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Hearing nothing
- 13 from counsel?
- 14 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Thank you.
- MR. BRUDER: Okay. Second, I'm a little
- 17 bit concerned with the briefing schedule you've just
- 18 announced. I had understood, and I may have had it
- 19 wrong, that there was an order that indicated that
- 20 the brief would be due like the middle -- like
- 21 November 15th?
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Right.
- MR. BRUDER: Okay. No, my concern, in
- 24 all honesty, is that I have some surgery coming up
- 25 the last two weeks in October, so I'm not quite sure

- 1 how I would handle this. But it doesn't have to be
- 2 determined at this moment. I just did want to let
- 3 your Honor know as early as I could. And I do have
- 4 that concern and let's see what we can do. Thanks
- 5 very much.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: And you're welcome, and
- 7 I appreciate it, and I'm not -- I'm not insensitive
- 8 at all to -- to anybody's schedule. It's just that
- 9 I -- I have an operation of law deadline and I
- 10 can't -- there's not much I can do.
- I mean, I'll certainly -- if you need
- 12 more time, you're -- you're free to file a motion and
- 13 I'll certainly do what I can to accommodate you or
- 14 anybody else who has any extenuating circumstances.
- 15 But I -- I simply have to get a Report and Order out
- in December, come hell or high water, so ...
- 17 MR. BRUDER: I believe I can work around
- 18 any deadline you set. I just think it's fair --
- 19 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Sure.
- 20 MR. BRUDER: -- to inform the court as
- 21 quickly as possible when we have a situation like
- 22 this. Thanks very much.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: I appreciate it very
- 24 much. All right. Thank you. Anything further from
- 25 counsel? I'm sorry. Mr. Keevil?

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1 MR. KEEVIL: Yes, Judge. When you
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- 2 mentioned Mr. Watkins was about to take the stand, I
- 3 think you indicated on class cost of service and rate
- 4 design or some very broad topic, my understanding was
- 5 he's being held over from yesterday's issues,
- 6 actually, and will then take the stand again later
- 7 today, hopefully, on the issues that were originally
- 8 scheduled for today. So I just wanted to make sure I
- 9 understand that right, that we're not lumping
- 10 everything together but we're continuing according to
- 11 the schedule.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yeah, you're exactly
- 13 right, Mr. Keevil. And Mr. Watkins is due to appear
- 14 twice. And this is -- what he would appear on first
- 15 would be yesterday's issues which would be the
- 16 Stipulation & Agreement on interclass shifts and
- 17 large power service rate design.
- So he would stand cross on that and then
- 19 leave the stand, and then come back and stand cross
- 20 on -- in what I think everybody is -- is referring to
- 21 as the Trigen issues, the general service,
- 22 all-electric tariffs, et cetera, and stand cross
- 23 separately on that. So he'll be on the stand twice.
- MR. KEEVIL: Thanks.
- 25 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you. Thanks for

- 1 pointing that out. All right. Anything further
- 2 counsel -- excuse me -- from counsel before
- 3 Mr. Watkins takes the stand on yesterday's interclass
- 4 shifts issue?
- 5 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Mr. Watkins,
- 7 if you would come forward to be sworn, please, sir.
- 8 If you'll raise your right hand to be sworn.
- 9 (THE WITNESS WAS SWORN.)
- 10 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you very much,
- 11 sir. Ms. Kliethermes, anything before he stands
- 12 cross?
- 13 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. KLIETHERMES:
- 14 Q. Mr. Watkins, do you have any changes to
- 15 your prefiled testimony or to the Staff's class cost
- 16 of service and rate design report?
- 17 A. No, I don't.
- MS. KLIETHERMES: Tender this witness.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right.
- 20 Ms. Kliethermes, thank you. Bear with me just a
- 21 moment.
- Okay. Counsel who wish cross. KCPL?
- MR. FISCHER: Yes.
- MR. WOODSMALL: (Raised hand.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Mr. Woodsmall.

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1 MR. BRUDER: Department of Energy.
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- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Bruder.
- 3 Mr. Mills, any cross?
- 4 MR. MILLS: No, sir.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. No further?
- 6 Mr. Woodsmall.
- 7 MR. WOODSMALL: Thank you, your Honor.
- 8 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. WOODSMALL:
- 9 Q. I just have one question for you. Good
- 10 morning, sir.
- 11 A. Good morning.
- 12 Q. Now, I understand your disagreement with
- 13 Mr. Brubaker's proposal. Putting aside that
- 14 disagreement for a moment, isn't it true that it is
- 15 Staff's position that there's nothing in the rate
- 16 design stipulation that would prevent the Commission
- 17 from implementing that proposal?
- 18 A. Absolutely.
- 19 Q. Okay. There's --
- 20 A. Free to -- free to propose the changes
- 21 that he did. Those are not rate structure changes.
- 22 MR. WOODSMALL: Okay. Thank you. I
- 23 have no further questions.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Woodsmall, thank
- 25 you. Mr. Bruder.

- 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. BRUDER:
- Q. Good morning, Mr. Watkins.
- 3 A. Good morning.
- Q. Does Staff agree, do you agree that all
- 5 the cost of service studies that have been presented
- 6 in this proceeding and in the prior proceeding
- 7 demonstrate that there are significant differences in
- 8 return between the various classes, especially
- 9 between the various large user classes and the
- 10 residential classes?
- 11 A. Yes. I think I'd categorize it as
- 12 differences between residential and nonresidential,
- 13 the differences --
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. -- instead of the large users --
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. -- because I think it's true of the
- 18 smaller ones as well.
- 19 Q. Okay. And my -- my question is just --
- 20 just to tie it up, do all of the studies in these two
- 21 proceedings demonstrate that?
- 22 A. I believe so.
- 23 Q. Okay. Now, does Staff believe that if
- 24 rates are to be made in accordance with the principle
- of cost-based ratemaking, that fees, interclass

- 1 subsidies or whatever we call them, need to be
- 2 eliminated or at least significantly decreased?
- 3 A. You can put me in the camp of the folks
- 4 that hate the use of the word subsidies. To me,
- 5 what --
- 6 Q. The use of the word -- I'm sorry. What?
- 7 A. Hate the use of the word subsidies for
- 8 the factual situation that you described.
- 9 Q. That's -- that's all right.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. Choose -- the word is -- is significant
- 12 differences in return of the classes. All right,
- 13 that's fine.
- 14 A. I'd go along with that. And I'm sorry.
- 15 I missed your -- the rest of your question. Could
- 16 you repeat that?
- 17 Q. Do you agree that if rates are going to
- 18 be made in accordance with the principle of
- 19 cost-based ratemaking, that those subsidies, that
- 20 those differences in return among the classes need to
- 21 be eliminated or greatly diminished?
- 22 A. No, I don't. Let me give you two
- 23 reasons.
- Q. No, just -- I wanted -- I just wanted a
- 25 yes or no, thank you.

- 1 A. Okay.
- Q. We contemplate in this proceeding that
- 3 the company will file a third time and then a fourth,
- 4 and then with the fourth filing, there will be the
- 5 proposal that a large new coal plant will be added to
- 6 rate base; is that correct?
- 7 A. I think that's essentially correct,
- 8 although I believe the rate filing three is optional.
- 9 Although, I've heard pretty substantial rumors that
- 10 they'll file a rate -- rate filing three.
- 11 Q. Now, assuming the company does, in fact,
- 12 seek to and does succeed in adding that facility to
- 13 rate base, will that very likely or definitely
- 14 necessitate a significant increase or increases in
- 15 residential rates?
- 16 A. It's my understanding that the magnitude
- 17 of the increase in rate base would cause overall
- 18 rates to increase significantly.
- 19 Q. And that would include the
- 20 residential --
- 21 A. And -- and assuming residential rates
- 22 were increased anywhere near system average, that it
- 23 would be a significant increase to them too.
- Q. Okay. Okay. Do you know roughly how
- 25 many dollars this new plant, Iatan 2, is likely to

- 1 add to rate base?
- 2 A. I don't know that myself. I heard some
- 3 numbers thrown around yesterday, but I'm not a
- 4 revenue requirement guy.
- 5 Q. Now, the fact that there'll be this
- 6 necessary and significant increase in residential
- 7 rates, do you think from your years of experience
- 8 that that will render the Staff and the company and
- 9 this Commission more reluctant than they might
- 10 otherwise be to address these interclass differences
- 11 in -- in return at the same time of this court
- 12 proceeding?
- 13 A. I don't know that I have a simple answer
- 14 to that. In part, what I would -- what I would think
- 15 the Staff would recommend would, in part, depend on
- 16 the outcome of this case, and what -- what shifts, if
- 17 any, were made in this case, okay?
- 18 There's still a number -- some
- 19 significant amount of time before rate filing four or
- 20 the case after it. And I think what -- what we'd
- 21 likely see in the -- in the case in which Iatan 2
- 22 comes on line is probably a focus on the cost of
- 23 Iatan 2, less focus on interclass revenue shifts. I
- 24 guess my expectation would be is we'd probably
- 25 address that subsequent to the Iatan case, and

- 1 probably not recommend making any interclass shifts
- 2 at that time.
- 3 Q. Okay. You said you would address it
- 4 subsequently. When and in what realm do you reckon
- 5 you'd -- you'd address it? My question being, there
- 6 are four rate proceedings that are contemplated after
- 7 that, nothing further, and so I do ask when would you
- 8 do it after those four proceedings and what would
- 9 bring that before the Commission?
- 10 A. I believe Mr. Rush testified yesterday
- 11 that he envisioned a possibility of a spin-off rate
- 12 design docket which would include the ability to
- 13 perform the class cost of service studies with the
- 14 known costs of Iatan 2 included. That would be
- 15 probably the most likely possibility.
- 16 Q. Okay. Well, even if that were done, and
- 17 obviously procedurally, that's a possibility, isn't
- 18 it true that the fact that the residentials had got a
- 19 significant increase in the fourth rate proceeding
- 20 would lessen the willingness of the Staff, of the
- 21 company, of the Commission to give the residentials
- 22 the kind of additional increase that would be
- 23 required if the allocators showed what we think they
- 24 will show which is that the residentials return
- 25 relative to the industrials is low? Want me to take

- 1 it again? I'll take it again.
- 2 A. Do you mind? I'm sorry. That was
- 3 pretty long.
- 4 Q. Sure, I quite understand. That's why I
- 5 write everything down.
- 6 A. I should have been writing too.
- 7 Q. Well, no, don't do that. What we've
- 8 posited now is a spin-off, a fifth proceeding or
- 9 whatever we call it. The fifth proceeding will
- 10 follow the fourth proceeding and presumably it would
- 11 happen within a year or so of that.
- Now, in the fourth proceeding, as we've
- 13 envisioned it, you and I in this exchange, the
- 14 residentials will likely get a significant increase
- 15 because of the addition of Iatan 2.
- 16 Given the fact that there has been a
- 17 significant -- there will have been a significant
- 18 increase in the fourth proceeding, when we get to
- 19 this contemplated fifth proceeding a year or so
- 20 later, isn't the fact that the residentials have so
- 21 recently had a significant increase going to lessen
- 22 the company's willingness, the Staff's willingness,
- 23 the Commission's willingness to move revenues in such
- 24 a way that's -- that the residentials will get
- 25 another significant increase so soon after the one

- 1 that they get on the basis of the decision in the
- 2 fourth case?
- 3 MR. MILLS: I object. I think it calls
- 4 for speculation. He's asking this witness to
- 5 speculate what the Commission might do, as well as to
- 6 speculate what the Staff might do at some point in
- 7 the future.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Sustained.
- 9 MR. BRUDER: Well, if -- if I may say
- 10 so, what we have is a concomitance of rate cases
- 11 here, and the sum of the aim of these cases, as I
- 12 understand it, is to accomplish a number of things.
- 13 And we have to look at the cases not individually,
- 14 but as a whole and as to what they're going to do.
- 15 And that means that the effect of the prior case upon
- 16 the subsequent case is, in my opinion, very much in
- 17 play.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Well, all we have
- 19 pending is the current rate case, so --
- 20 MR. BRUDER: Okay. All right. Let me
- 21 pass out something here. This I will ask to be
- 22 marked DOE/NNSA Exhibit 807.
- 23 (EXHIBIT NO. 807 WAS MARKED FOR
- 24 IDENTIFICATION BY THE COURT REPORTER.)
- 25 BY MR. BRUDER:

- 1 Q. Mr. Watkins, I show you now this
- 2 one-page document that has been marked DOE/NNSA
- 3 Exhibit 807. It is entitled "Data Information
- 4 Request, Kansas City Power & Light," gives the case
- 5 number, and it is Staff's response to DOE data
- 6 request No. 68. It indicates at the bottom that it
- 7 was answered by you. Do you have that in front of
- 8 you, sir?
- 9 A. I do.
- 10 Q. Okay. Now, I don't want you to
- 11 speculate, but if I were to ask you the same
- 12 questions that are posted on this RFI, would your
- 13 answer or answers be the same as it is here on this
- 14 page you have before you?
- 15 A. Yes, they would.
- 16 Q. Thank you. Now, when this large coal
- 17 plant Iatan 2 is added to rate base, the overall
- 18 amount of fixed costs that is demand costs in rate
- 19 base will increase very significantly; is that
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. Well, it's -- it's correct that the
- 22 amount of fixed costs would increase. And I'm not
- 23 sure what you mean by demand costs, but I probably
- 24 don't agree to that.
- Q. Well, demand costs as opposed to what we

- 1 generally call energy costs. When I say demand
- 2 costs, I'm talking about fixed costs of generation
- 3 that are placed in rate base. That's mostly what a
- 4 big coal plant like that is, isn't it?
- 5 A. The fixed generation costs will increase
- 6 significantly.
- 7 Q. Okay. Now, the demand allocator to
- 8 residentials of fixed costs or demand costs, if you
- 9 like, is about 36 percent; is that correct?
- 10 A. I don't know.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. But ...
- 13 Q. Will you accept that subject to check?
- 14 A. I -- I can assume that, yes.
- 15 Q. And the energy allocator to residentials
- of what we call variable costs, mostly energy costs,
- 17 is about 30 percent, is that correct, or will you
- 18 accept it subject to check?
- 19 A. Again, I don't know, but if -- I mean,
- 20 if we can assume those things are true for your
- 21 follow-up questions, I'm willing to assume that.
- 22 Q. Good. That's -- that's exactly where
- 23 I'm going. Fine. Well, given those allocators and
- 24 if we hold everything else constant and this
- 25 generation plant is added, what we have called the

- 1 differences in return to the classes, the large user
- 2 classes and the residentials, the gap between those
- 3 is actually going to increase, isn't it? If we call
- 4 it a subsidy or we call it a difference in return,
- 5 it's gonna be more marked than it was before; isn't
- 6 that correct?
- 7 A. Well, you know, I've thought about that
- 8 a lot, and -- and I really don't know what to
- 9 anticipate the results of the studies -- the way in
- 10 which the results of the cost -- class cost of
- 11 service studies might change as a result of adding
- 12 that big chunk of coal plant.
- I mean, I really don't know how that
- 14 will affect each class. I mean, there was a point in
- 15 time when I thought I knew what was likely to happen,
- 16 but I've since analyzed that more, and I don't. I
- 17 just don't have any clue.
- 18 Q. Now, in your rebuttal at page 3, you
- 19 assert that DOE's proposal would require the
- 20 Commission to adopt DOE's class revenue targets. Let
- 21 me give you a minute to get to that.
- 22 A. Would you tell me where it was again?
- Q. Sure, your rebuttal at page 3.
- A. My rebuttal.
- 25 Q. It's at line 21.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. To be clear, you don't mean to suggest
- 3 that DOE is proposing a specific dollar level revenue
- 4 targets for the classes in this case, in the next two
- 5 cases, and, in fact, the DOE targets are percentage
- 6 targets, are they not?
- 7 A. The targets are percentage shifts in
- 8 revenues -- classes, yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. Now, I'll ask you to look, if you
- 10 have it, at Mr. Price's direct testimony. For the
- 11 record, Mr. Price is a DOE witness on this subject.
- 12 That's his direct testimony at page 11, table 3.
- 13 A. I've found table 3.
- 14 Q. Okay. Now, it is clear, is it not, that
- 15 the numbers in columns B, C and D of that table will
- 16 change if Mr. -- if and when Mr. Price recalculates
- 17 that table in the next case because the revenue
- 18 requirement will change and the allocator factors --
- 19 allocation factors may change; is that correct?
- 20 A. Could you repeat that again? I want to
- 21 make sure that I'm answering the question --
- Q. Absolutely.
- 23 A. -- about table 3 and not table 4.
- 24 Q. I quite understand. In looking at
- 25 table 3, I'm asking is it clear that the numbers in

- 1 columns B, C and D will change if Mr. Price
- 2 recalculates the table in the next case because the
- 3 revenue requirement will change and the allocation
- 4 factors may change as well?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. Okay. Now, in your rebuttal at pages 3
- 7 through 4 -- I'll wait till you get that.
- 8 A. I'm there.
- 9 Q. All right. You say that the Staff
- 10 proposal is based on a consensus of the results of
- 11 all the parties' cost-of-service studies in the 2006
- 12 case. Could you explain, sir, specifically what is
- 13 that consensus that you refer to?
- 14 A. I think that was described in the -- in
- 15 the report more fully, but basically, the shift that
- 16 we proposed from the residential class to the medium
- 17 general service class, everyone's study showed that
- 18 residential rates should be increased at least that
- 19 much. They showed the medium general service rates
- 20 should be reduced by at least that much. And that's
- 21 what I meant by consensus.
- 22 Q. But when you said -- let me just -- let
- 23 me just see if I can tie that up. When you say
- 24 consensus, you mean that's one of the things that all
- 25 of the studies showed, and because all of the studies

- 1 showed it, that constitutes a consensus, the
- 2 consensus that you're talking about?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 Q. Okay. Now, does that consensus
- 5 constitute a basis for the Staff's proposal to move
- 6 only MGS toward a -- a more equal return relative to
- 7 the other classes?
- 8 A. That was the primary factor. I'm sure
- 9 there were other considerations, like what shifts had
- 10 been made in the last case.
- 11 Q. Well, let me ask the question more
- 12 specifically: Why is the Staff proposal limited to
- 13 moving only the MGS class toward a more equal return
- 14 and not some other classes?
- 15 A. Because we saw that is the most glaring
- 16 problem and we're not really sure there's -- how big
- 17 a problem, if any, there is for the other classes.
- 18 Q. Okay. Now, at your rebuttal, page 4 --
- 19 again, I'll wait until you get it.
- 20 A. I'm there.
- 21 Q. Speaking of what would happen if the DOE
- 22 proposal were adopted. This is beginning at line 4
- 23 of that page.
- 24 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. You say that "Adoption of the proposal

- 1 would require the Commission not to consider all
- 2 relevant facts, including customer impact, in setting
- 3 rates." Please tell me, sir, what relevant facts
- 4 other than customer impacts do you believe adoption
- of DOE's proposal would force the Commission not to
- 6 consider?
- 7 A. I -- I don't know what those are likely
- 8 to be. I suppose there are any number of things that
- 9 could happen that -- my -- my thought there was that
- 10 the Commission shouldn't decide in this case that in
- 11 the next case it's going to do a specific thing like
- 12 move a third of the way to the -- the -- your cost of
- 13 service study report -- results.
- 14 It shouldn't decide in this case what
- 15 it's gonna have to decide in the next case because it
- 16 needs to consider all the relevant factors in the
- 17 next case to decide what to do there.
- 18 Q. Okay. But then the Commission is free,
- 19 is it not, to choose the percentage target that DOE
- 20 proposes for this case and this case alone; that is
- 21 to say, move the one-third in this case and leave the
- 22 rest of DOE's proposal to be considered in the future
- 23 or not at all?
- A. I believe that that's the case.
- 25 Q. Okay. Now, in this testimony I have

- 1 quoted, you spoke of it's a customer impact that you
- 2 were concerned the Commission wouldn't be able to
- 3 look at. Is that -- the customer impact you
- 4 referenced there, sir, is that the customer impact
- 5 for the residentials?
- 6 A. That was the impacts on all -- any
- 7 customer class or every customer class.
- 8 Q. All right. I'm going to refer you now
- 9 to your surrebuttal at page 6.
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. You say beginning at line 6, "In order
- 12 to adjust class revenues to equal class cost of
- 13 service, a determination would have to be made by the
- 14 Commission as to what the appropriate cost of service
- 15 for each class is." Did I quote that about right?
- 16 A. Close. I -- I said, "is for each
- 17 class," but ...
- 18 Q. All right. Okay. Now, it is clear, is
- 19 it not, sir, that DOE does not recommend that the
- 20 Commission in this one single case seek to adjust
- 21 class revenues all the way to equal cost of service;
- 22 is that not clear?
- 23 A. That's my understanding.
- Q. Okay. And it's also clear that if, as
- 25 you say, a determination needs to be made as to what

- 1 the appropriate cost of a class of service from each
- 2 class is, only DOE has made and provided such
- 3 determination in this record in this case; is that
- 4 correct, sir?
- 5 A. If you mean is -- is DOE/NNSA the only
- 6 party that filed a new class cost of service study, I
- 7 agree with you.
- 8 Q. A new and updated?
- 9 A. Any kind.
- 10 Q. Okay. Good. Now, it's also true that
- 11 the Commission would not have to make a determination
- 12 of what the appropriate cost of service is for each
- 13 class in order to order a significant shift toward
- 14 equal cost of service among the classes, is it not?
- 15 I can take another crack at it.
- 16 A. The Staff's proposal can be implemented,
- 17 for -- for example. I think that's an example of
- 18 what you're talking about, right? Because the
- 19 Commission can order shifts in what they believe to
- 20 be the appropriate direction even though they didn't
- 21 make a hundred percent of the shift.
- 22 Q. All right. And, indeed, that's just
- 23 what Staff is proposing, is it not?
- 24 A. Right. So the answer is yes.
- Q. Okay. Okay. I'll ask you now to look

- 1 at your surrebuttal at page 7. Now, this is
- 2 complicated. The table at the top, as I understand
- 3 it, shows what you refer to as "Expected results of
- 4 the DOE study." Now, as I understand it, that is the
- 5 DOE study results as the Staff thinks they would be
- 6 if the DOE study were adjusted by Staff to reflect
- 7 the impact of the 2006 revenue shifts; is that
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. That's close. What it -- what it shows
- 10 is the DOE cost study filed in the 0314 case as the
- 11 top one, and how -- how you would expect the results
- 12 of that study if it were repeated with all conditions
- 13 exactly the same except for the shifts in class
- 14 revenues that are indicated in line 2 that were
- implemented by the Commission in that case.
- So I mean, I wanted to be fair about
- 17 what that study said, and the only way I could make
- 18 it comparable as to what was filed in this case was
- 19 to adjust the prior study for the revenue shifts to
- 20 be made.
- Q. And that's the only adjustment you made
- of the prior study; is that correct?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. And so in the second table at page 7,
- 25 you purport to demonstrate that the 2007 DOE study

1 varies from the Staff's adjusted 2006 DOE study which

- 2 appears above it; is that correct?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. Now, when the Staff calculated the
- 5 expected results of the 2006 study that was shown in
- 6 the first table, it held everything in the 2006 study
- 7 constant, did we say? Everything except the change
- 8 of revenues from the 2006 case?
- 9 A. What -- what was done is more simplistic
- 10 than that. It wasn't like the study was repeated
- 11 again or anything. All I did was take the percentage
- 12 shifts that was a result of the study and subtracted
- 13 the percentage shifts that were made in the class
- 14 revenues.
- 15 Q. Uh-huh.
- 16 A. So I didn't do anything with the study
- 17 other than subtract those numbers from the result.
- 18 Q. Okay. Now, when we look at the DOE 2007
- 19 study relative to the 2006 DOE study, it did not hold
- 20 everything constant, did it? In fact, it first
- 21 adjusted for the revenues agreed upon in the 2006
- 22 case as you did; is that right? But the 2007 study,
- 23 DOE's 2007 study also uses cost data for the 2007
- 24 period rather than the 2006 period; is that correct?
- 25 A. I believe it uses the cost data for what

- 1 the company filed in the direct testimony which
- 2 was -- and I don't remember exactly what time period
- 3 that was, but I recall the last three or four months
- 4 were budgeted.
- 5 Q. All right. Let's put the question more
- 6 generically. If the 2007 study uses cost data that
- 7 are different from the cost data that were used in
- 8 the 2006 case --
- 9 A. That is correct.
- 10 Q. -- is that correct? Now, the 2007 DOE
- 11 study also uses different allocation factors from
- 12 those that were used in the 2006 study, does it not?
- 13 A. Well, when you say allocation factors,
- 14 do you mean the numerical values or the -- the named
- 15 description of the allocators?
- 16 Q. I mean numerical values.
- 17 A. The numerical values are different, yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. Now, let's look at your
- 19 surrebuttal at page 7, lines 14 through 15. Tell me
- 20 when you have it. Have it?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Okay. There you say that, "If
- 23 residential rates had been increased by 16.31 percent
- 24 in the 2006 case, they now have to be reduced by 5.02
- 25 percent in this case." Now, the 16.31 percent

- 1 increase would have been the increase to the
- 2 residentials if the Commission had moved the
- 3 residentials all the way to unity in the 2006 case on
- 4 the basis of the DOE study; is that correct?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. Okay. So that's the source of the 16.31
- 7 percent increase number?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. And did DOE recommend that the
- 10 residentials be moved to unity in the 2006 case alone
- 11 or at any single proceeding?
- 12 A. I'm not sure about the 2006 case. They
- 13 didn't propose that in this case.
- Q. Did the Commission even adopt DOE's
- 15 study?
- 16 A. They did not.
- 17 Q. Okay. Now, looking again at your
- 18 surrebuttal at page 7, the table on the bottom of the
- 19 page.
- 20 A. Uh-huh.
- 21 Q. Looking again -- looking again at the
- 22 figure 16.31 percent of the first column, again, DOE
- 23 didn't recommend a 16.31 percent increase in the 2006
- 24 case. Sir, in fact, it recommended one-fourth of
- 25 that for 2006 or a 4.08 percent increase; is that not

- 1 correct?
- 2 A. I don't know.
- 3 Q. Well, let's take it this way: If DOE
- 4 were recommending a 16.31 percent increase overall
- 5 and it recommended that one-fourth be done in the
- 6 2006 case, how much did it recommend?
- 7 A. I mean, I guess that's just a math
- 8 question.
- 9 Q. Yes, it is.
- 10 A. I don't -- try not to do math in public,
- 11 but --
- 12 Q. Arithmetic. We'll do arithmetic. We
- 13 have a statistician.
- 14 A. I mean, yeah, I think it's about 4
- 15 percent.
- 16 Q. Okay. Now, in looking at the second
- 17 table on that page, and there we see the figure of
- 18 11.29 percent. Again, in this case DOE isn't
- 19 recommending 11.29 percent increase for the
- 20 residentials but one-third of that or about 3.76
- 21 percent; is that not so?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. So let's look a moment -- at the
- 24 moment now at this deviation that you've calculated
- 25 in the second table at minus 3.2 percent. Do you see

- 1 that figure?
- 2 A. Yes, I do.
- 3 Q. Well, if we calculated it in the manner
- 4 that would follow from what we've just said, the
- 5 deviation would be the 4.08 percent which is the
- 6 figure we asked for for 2006 and the 3.76 percent?
- 7 That is to say, instead of looking at 16.31 -- hold
- 8 on. Let me go back and make sure that I'm clear on
- 9 this myself.
- 10 Well, if we recalculated the 3.02
- 11 percent to reflect what we've looked at before which
- 12 was the 4.0 percent, and we took from that the 3.76
- 13 percent which is what was recommended in the other
- 14 case, then the difference, the deviation would be
- 15 just a quarter of -- it would be just .32; is that
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. I mean, as far as I can tell, all you're
- 18 talking about is math.
- 19 Q. Pardon me?
- 20 A. Well, all you're talking about is
- 21 mathematics.
- 22 Q. Yes, sir.
- 23 A. Yeah. You can do the calculation as
- 24 well as I can. If -- if the point of what you're
- 25 saying is because you didn't recommend going the full

- 1 way in each case, does -- does the 3 percent
- 2 overstate what that difference is, then the answer is
- 3 yes.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. I mean, if it's a third, you can take a
- 6 third of that and it would be 1 percent.
- 7 Q. And if it's a quarter, similarly? I'll
- 8 do the math. Okay.
- 9 A. Well, yeah, you'd have to figure out how
- 10 to deal with it being a fourth in one case and a
- 11 third in the next, but ...
- MR. BRUDER: Nothing further. Thank
- 13 you, sir.
- 14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Bruder, thank you.
- 15 Mr. Fischer?
- MR. FISCHER: Thank you, your Honor.
- 17 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. FISCHER:
- 18 Q. Mr. Watkins, I'd like to follow up, I
- 19 think, just initially about your comment about
- 20 subsidy. We've had a lot of discussion on the record
- 21 about subsidies, and if I understood what you were
- 22 saying, you don't like to be put in a camp about
- 23 talking about subsidies in these kinds of
- 24 proceedings?
- 25 A. I believe I said I didn't like to be put

1 in the camp of calling whatever those differences are

- 2 subsidies.
- 3 Q. That term gets misused a lot from an
- 4 economist's perspective in the hearing room; would
- 5 you agree?
- A. Well, I agree it's not really a very
- 7 precise technical term.
- 8 Q. From an economist's perspective, would
- 9 you agree that a service is not being subsidized if
- 10 that service is recovering its incremental costs and
- 11 making a contribution to fixed costs of the company?
- 12 A. No, I don't think I -- I don't think I
- 13 agree with that.
- 14 Q. How would you define subsidy from an
- 15 economist's perspective?
- 16 A. It partly depends on the situation. The
- 17 situation in Missouri with utility rates is that the
- 18 rates are based on fully allocated embedded costs,
- 19 okay?
- Q. Which is an accounting perspective,
- 21 right?
- 22 A. Well, it's -- it's the reality, okay?
- 23 It isn't -- it isn't the same situation as the
- 24 typical economist's version which is, well, first you
- 25 assume perfect competition, you know, and then you

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1 assume there's no barriers, and et cetera, et cetera,
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- 2 and then here's the theory that goes with that. What
- 3 you're faced with is in Missouri you have a total
- 4 lump of costs --
- 5 THE COURT REPORTER: A total what, sir?
- 6 THE WITNESS: Lump of costs.
- 7 THE COURT REPORTER: Oh, thank you.
- 8 THE WITNESS: That need to be recovered,
- 9 okay? What -- what the Commission is charged with
- 10 doing is finding a just and reasonable way to recover
- 11 those costs from customer classes, so ...
- 12 BY MR. FISCHER:
- 13 Q. Well, I'd like to focus just -- since
- 14 your background is as an economist and you're one of
- 15 a couple economists in the room, I'd like to focus on
- 16 it from an -- from an economist's perspective that
- 17 isn't it true that typically we talk about subsidy
- 18 maybe as covering your variable costs or your
- 19 marginal costs and making a contribution to fixed
- 20 cost, and then if you're covering at least your
- 21 variable costs, you're not being subsidized?
- 22 A. I think I -- I thought I answered that
- 23 and said in Missouri that doesn't really make any
- 24 sense --
- 25 Q. I think what --

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1 A. -- if you talk about it that way.
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- 2 Q. If I understood what you were saying,
- 3 and correct me if I'm wrong, that we do set rates on
- 4 embedded costs and we talk about average costs and
- 5 all that kind of thing in the hearing room, which is
- 6 certainly true, but what I'm asking from an
- 7 economist's perspective, that's not really the
- 8 definition of a subsidy. It's whether you're
- 9 recovering your variable or your marginal costs in
- 10 making a contribution to fixed costs of the company.
- 11 Isn't that really what an economist talks about when
- 12 they talk about subsidies?
- 13 A. Well, with perfect competition there
- 14 would be subsidies. But I think you're -- I think
- 15 you're talking about a situation like farm subsidies,
- 16 you know.
- 17 Q. Well, I'm talking about whether you're
- 18 covering your costs or not, and typically I thought,
- 19 and I may be wrong, that the economists generally
- 20 look at it from the perspective of either marginal
- 21 costs or variable costs, incremental costs which are
- 22 similar terms, whether you're covering those kinds of
- 23 costs and making a contribution above that toward the
- 24 fixed costs of the company.
- 25 A. Okay. If you're talking about a

- 1 situation where -- in a regulated environment,
- 2 instead of setting costs on the embedded costs, fully
- 3 allocated embedded costs, if instead of that you're
- 4 setting them on marginal costs, okay, you can
- 5 allocate the cost recovery responsibility to the
- 6 various customer classes based on a marginal cost
- 7 study, determines what the marginal cost of serving
- 8 those customers are, okay? There's no subsidy at
- 9 that point.
- 10 The problem -- or the difficulty with
- 11 what to do next is, you aren't recovering all your
- 12 costs. And even jurisdictions where they have
- 13 marginal cost studies, the goal is still to have the
- 14 utility recover all of their costs. The question is
- 15 who do you get those -- where do you collect the
- 16 shortfall? I know I don't -- I don't know that I --
- 17 I think I would agree with you --
- 18 Q. Well --
- 19 A. -- that that shortfall is not really a
- 20 subsidy in that situation. And whether you give it
- 21 to one class or another, subsidy is not the right
- 22 word to use.
- 23 Q. Okay. Thank you. Were you in the
- 24 hearing room when Mr. Rush testified that KCPL's
- 25 parallel generation tariff included a charge of

- 1 2.4 cents per kilowatt hour?
- 2 A. Yes, I was.
- 3 Q. Is it your understanding that a charge
- 4 of at least 2.4 cents per kilowatt hour would cover
- 5 KCPL's incremental costs and make a contribution to
- 6 fixed costs of the company?
- 7 A. That -- that would cover what I would
- 8 call their incremental cost. I don't know about
- 9 making a contribution to margin.
- 10 Q. Okay. Well, let's -- let's limit it to
- 11 just covering your incremental costs.
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 Q. So long as KCPL's rates are recovering
- 14 at least their incremental costs, would you agree
- 15 that from the economist's perspective, not setting --
- 16 setting aside a ratemaking, that that service is not
- 17 being subsidized?
- 18 A. I don't know what subsidy means.
- 19 It's -- it's more of an emotional word.
- 20 Q. I don't mean to be --
- 21 A. And it doesn't have a technical
- 22 definition.
- 23 Q. -- use it in a pejorative way at all.
- 24 I'm just trying to understand what the economist's
- 25 perspective is on that term and whether, indeed, if

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1 a -- if a service of Kansas City Power & Light is
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- 2 recovering its incremental cost, is it below cost?
- 3 A. It's not below cost.
- Q. Okay. The concept of earning the same
- 5 rate of return on investment would relate to average
- 6 embedded costs of the company rather than incremental
- 7 costs that the economists talk about; is that right?
- 8 A. I mean, I suppose you could use that in
- 9 each situation, but ...
- 10 Q. Okay. Mr. Watkins, would you agree that
- 11 the various electric companies in Missouri have
- 12 different types of rate structures in effect?
- 13 A. Yes, they do.
- 14 Q. Some companies like Kansas City Power &
- 15 Light have end-use type rates, for example,
- 16 separately metered space-heating rates or
- 17 all-electric rates, while other companies like,
- 18 perhaps, Ameren don't necessarily have end-use rates?
- 19 MR. KEEVIL: Judge, I'm going to object
- 20 to this to the extent that we're getting into the --
- 21 what you called earlier the Trigen issue, the
- 22 issue 23 issues. My understanding is that's not what
- 23 Mr. Watkins is on the stand to testify in regard to
- 24 at this time.
- 25 MR. FISCHER: Judge, I -- I use the term

- 1 end-use rates and all-electric rates, and that will
- 2 be discussed in the next section, but I'm really
- 3 talking here about rate structures and what's --
- 4 what's rate structures and how that relates.
- 5 That's -- that's the topic that Staff is addressing
- 6 in this part of the case.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: I -- I'm gonna sustain
- 8 and ask that you rephrase the question. I think --
- 9 if I'm understanding your question, I think you could
- 10 perhaps get to the same point without stepping on
- 11 Trigen's toes and starting to talk about the
- 12 all-electric tariffs that -- that are due to be
- 13 discussed later.
- 14 MR. FISCHER: Okay. Well, I can bring
- 15 those up again if we like the next time.
- 16 BY MR. FISCHER:
- 17 Q. If companies don't have end-use rates,
- 18 is it your understanding that they have a
- 19 summer/winter differential that would have a lower
- 20 rate in the winter?
- 21 MR. KEEVIL: Judge, I think I have the
- 22 same objection. If he has questions on rate
- 23 structure, I -- he can certainly ask rate structure
- 24 questions, but he's -- he's -- once again, he's --
- 25 he's in the issue 23 issue.

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JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Fischer?
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- 2 MR. FISCHER: Well, Judge, if it's
- 3 objectionable, I can certainly ask these questions in
- 4 just a few minutes, so I'll be glad to do that.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: That's fine. That's
- 6 fine. Thank you.
- 7 MR. FISCHER: Thank you very much.
- 8 That's all I have. Thanks.
- 9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Thank you.
- 10 Do we have any questions from the bench?
- 11 Commissioner Jarrett?
- 12 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: No questions.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Thank you.
- 14 Any redirect?
- 15 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Thank you.
- 17 Mr. Watkins, you may be excused. You'll be recalled
- 18 later on another issue. We're ready, then, to go on
- 19 to Ms. Pyatte.
- 20 MR. BRUDER: Your Honor, if I may, I
- 21 wanted to offer DOE Exhibit 807.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. 807 has been
- 23 offered. Any objections?
- (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Hearing none, 807 is

- 1 admitted.
- 2 (EXHIBIT NO. 807 WAS RECEIVED INTO
- 3 EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD.)
- 4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And Mr. Bruder, I don't
- 5 believe the bench has any copies. If you could get
- 6 us copies.
- 7 MR. BRUDER: Oh, sure.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Pyatte, will you
- 9 raise your right hand to be sworn, please?
- 10 (THE WITNESS WAS SWORN.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you very much.
- 12 Please have a seat. Ms. Kliethermes, is there
- 13 anything before she stands cross?
- 14 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. KLIETHERMES:
- 15 Q. Ms. Pyatte, do you have any changes to
- 16 your prefiled testimony?
- 17 A. No, I don't.
- MS. KLIETHERMES: I'd like to tender
- 19 Ms. Pyatte.
- 20 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Will KCPL have cross?
- 21 MR. FISCHER: Judge, how are you
- 22 handling the motions to strike at this point?
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: You know, I would like
- 24 to take -- I would like to take those motions with
- 25 the case for now. The Commission is aware of the --

- 1 of the pending motions, and so I would like to
- 2 certainly take those with the case. And I understand
- 3 we may have to go in-camera some, you know, depending
- 4 on what counsel's questions are on -- on her
- 5 testimony. So I'm sorry. Does that answer your
- 6 question?
- 7 MR. FISCHER: Well, it puts counsel in a
- 8 little bit of dilemma because it's my perspective
- 9 that at least we're asserting that this is privileged
- 10 material in her testimony, and it's not appropriate
- 11 for cross-examination. It's not appropriate to be --
- 12 even if it's kept out of the record, to be preserved
- in the record. It's just not appropriate to be
- 14 talked about in front of the decision-maker.
- 15 I'm not intending to ask her any
- 16 questions about that, and I frankly don't have other
- 17 questions for her, but I'm very uncomfortable waiving
- 18 the right to get into that if the Commission intends
- 19 to let privileged material into the record in this
- 20 case. And I don't know of a good way around it
- 21 because I frankly don't think it's appropriate to
- 22 even have it preserved in the record even if it's
- 23 kept out. So that's my dilemma, but with that, I'll
- 24 pass.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. I'm sorry.

- 1 Mr. Mills?
- 2 MR. MILLS: And I have -- certainly have
- 3 the same concerns, although, if there is a chance
- 4 that the Commission will allow it in the record and
- 5 consider it in making its decision in this case, I
- 6 think I need to ask her questions about it.
- 7 I would ask that the Commission, if the
- 8 Commission ultimately decides that Public Counsel and
- 9 KCPL are right and this is privileged information,
- 10 that the Commission actually strike this information
- 11 from the record, not preserve it as highly
- 12 confidential, but to remove it from the record
- 13 entirely -- this portion and the portion we had at --
- 14 yesterday, I believe.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: And understand, I'm not
- 16 asking anybody to waive any -- any objections or
- 17 anything, and I mean, the Commission is aware of this
- 18 issue. I mean, it is still pending. And depending
- 19 on the resolution of that issue, you are certainly --
- 20 if it's resolved in your favor, you -- in fact, I
- 21 would -- I would ask counsel to alert me to say,
- 22 okay, the Commission has ruled in our favor and
- 23 therefore, we want this relief, you know, in a -- in
- 24 a separate motion.
- MR. MILLS: Okay. Thank you.

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1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Any
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- 2 cross-examination? Mr. Mills. Nobody else?
- MR. BRUDER: I have a couple.
- 4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Mr. Bruder, when
- 5 you're ready, sir.
- 6 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. BRUDER:
- 7 Q. Good morning. Is it Pyatte?
- 8 A. Pyatte.
- 9 Q. Pyatte. I'm looking at your surrebuttal
- 10 testimony, page 7, lines 15 through 16.
- 11 A. I'm there.
- 12 Q. Here we come once again to this much
- 13 disputed language which you quote at lines -- what's
- 14 15 through 17, really. So I ask you now, does that
- 15 language prohibit the parties to the Stipulation &
- 16 Agreement from agreeing to a change in a rate
- 17 structure or a rate design if that change is filed or
- 18 otherwise put forward by a nonparty to the
- 19 stipulation?
- 20 A. I don't believe that a nonsignatory is
- 21 bound by this language, whatever it means.
- 22 Q. Well, what I'm asking is whether if a
- 23 nonsignatory puts forward a proposal, may the
- 24 signatories under this language support that proposal
- 25 and agree to it as you read this language and as you

- 1 understand the agreement?
- 2 A. I think that's a legal question.
- 3 MR. BRUDER: Okay. Nothing further.
- 4 Thank you.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you. Mr. Mills?
- 6 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MILLS:
- 7 Q. Good morning, Ms. Pyatte.
- 8 A. Good morning, Mr. Mills.
- 9 Q. Do either Mr. Rush or Ms. Meisenheimer
- 10 use the word "violation" in their testimony when
- 11 talking about Staff's position in this case?
- 12 A. I believe they both do.
- Q. Can you point that to me?
- 14 A. Well, I see "prohibited" in Mr. Rush's
- 15 testimony on -- in his rebuttal, page 6, line 10. I
- see "does not comply" in surrebuttal, page 2, line 7.
- 17 Q. And Ms. Pyatte, my question doesn't have
- 18 to do with any of these other -- these other words.
- 19 I asked you whether or not Mr. Rush or
- 20 Ms. Meisenheimer uses the word violation or some
- 21 other variation of that, like violate?
- 22 A. That's what I'm looking at. I thought
- 23 prohibit was pretty close. Mr. Trippensee uses the
- 24 word "prohibit" --
- 25 Q. I'm not asking you about Mr. Trippensee.

- 1 My question --
- 2 MR. MILLS: Judge, if I can have you
- 3 instruct the witness to answer my question. My
- 4 question is very specific: Do either Mr. Rush or
- 5 Ms. Meisenheimer use the word violation or violate in
- 6 their testimony to talk about the Staff's position?
- 7 And I'll ask that any of these nonresponsive answers
- 8 be stricken.
- 9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And at your option,
- 10 Mr. Mills, she's obviously having to look. Do you
- 11 want her to -- if she doesn't know now, do you want
- 12 her to say, I don't know, or do you want to give her
- 13 the time to look?
- MR. MILLS: Oh, I want to give her all
- 15 the time she needs to find it or not find it, as the
- 16 case may be.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I don't believe
- 18 Ms. Meisenheimer used that word. I would like to
- 19 have additional time to look over Mr. Rush's
- 20 testimony because he has far more testimony than she
- 21 does.
- 22 BY MR. MILLS:
- Q. Okay. I'll wait.
- 24 A. I see more prohibited, more not
- 25 consistent where --

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1 MR. MILLS: Judge, can I ask that that
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- 2 be stricken?
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: It's stricken.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Anyway, no, Mr. Mills, I
- 5 do not see that exact word.
- 6 BY MR. MILLS:
- 7 Q. Now, in your surrebuttal testimony at
- 8 page 9, line 23, continuing on to page 10, line 1,
- 9 what reason do you give for revealing what you
- 10 consider to be otherwise confidential settlement
- 11 information?
- 12 A. Can you give me the -- page 3. What was
- 13 the line reference?
- Q. Page 9, line -- line twenty -- beginning
- 15 at line 23.
- 16 A. The statement is, "By charging Staff
- 17 with violating specific terms of the KCPL regulatory
- 18 plan, KCPL and OPC have left Staff with no
- 19 alternative than to, on advice of Staff counsel,
- 20 reveal what are otherwise confidential settlement
- 21 communications that took place during the
- 22 negotiations of the sentence in question."
- 23 Q. And again, can you point to me at any
- 24 place where Staff -- where KCPL or OPC charged Staff
- 25 with violating specific terms?

- 1 A. I pointed you to another -- a number of
- 2 places. You specifically are saying if you don't use
- 3 that word, it doesn't count. To me, prohibited,
- 4 violation, have the same meaning --
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. -- to say something is prohibited and to
- 7 say it's a violation.
- 8 Q. Is not consistent with the same as a
- 9 violation?
- 10 A. No. What I'm saying is, you have said
- 11 that if I don't use --
- 12 Q. Okay. My question was a yes or no
- 13 question and you answered it yes or no. That's all I
- 14 needed. Thank you. Other than the use of the word
- 15 prohibited, do either Mr. Rush -- Mr. Rush or
- 16 Ms. Meisenheimer ascribe any improper motivation to
- 17 the position Staff takes in this case with regard to
- 18 this issue?
- 19 A. Well, the testimony is riddled with --
- 20 Q. That's a yes, no or I don't know.
- 21 A. Okay. Say it again.
- Q. Other than the use of the word
- 23 prohibited, do either Mr. Rush or Ms. Meisenheimer
- 24 ascribe any improper motivation to the Staff's
- 25 position in this case on this issue?

- 1 A. I don't know.
- 2 Q. Do you believe that the use of the word
- 3 prohibited ascribes any improper motivation?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. So you think that when a witness says
- 6 that the Staff's position in this case is prohibited
- 7 by an agreement in a prior case, you think that that
- 8 ascribes an improper motivation?
- 9 A. I -- I believe so.
- 10 Q. Okay. How about the statement that
- 11 Staff's position in this case is inconsistent with an
- 12 agreement in a prior case, do you believe that that
- 13 attributes any improper motivation?
- 14 A. That's questionable. That's not as
- 15 strong a statement.
- 16 Q. But you think it might?
- 17 A. It might.
- 18 Q. Do you think that the use of the word in
- 19 Mr. Rush's testimony is not consistent with in this
- 20 case ascribes any improper -- improper motivation to
- 21 Staff in this case?
- 22 A. Pardon me? Would you repeat that,
- 23 please?
- Q. Do you believe that when Mr. Rush states
- 25 that "The Staff's position on this issue is not

- 1 consistent with the Stipulation & Agreement in the
- 2 regulatory plan," that that statement in this case
- 3 ascribes an improper motivation to Staff in this
- 4 case?
- 5 A. I don't know.
- 6 Q. Did you think it did at the time when
- 7 you wrote your surrebuttal testimony?
- 8 A. On -- on advice of counsel, this
- 9 surrebuttal testimony was written the way it was
- 10 written.
- 11 Q. I'm not asking -- that wasn't my
- 12 question. My question was, did you think that that
- 13 statement in Mr. Rush's testimony at the time you
- 14 wrote your surrebuttal testimony ascribed an improper
- 15 motivation to the Staff?
- 16 A. I don't know.
- 17 Q. You don't recall or you didn't know at
- 18 the time?
- 19 A. I don't know what people's motivation
- 20 is.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. I do know something about what I believe
- 23 the language means.
- Q. So at the time you wrote your testimony,
- 25 you had -- you had no opinion about -- about whether

- 1 other parties were ascribing improper motivation to
- 2 the Staff; is that your testimony today?
- 3 MS. KLIETHERMES: Judge, I'm gonna
- 4 object on relevancy.
- 5 MR. MILLS: Judge, I think it's very
- 6 relevant that the apparent -- the only apparent
- 7 reason that Staff gave in Ms. Pyatte's surrebuttal
- 8 testimony for revealing privileged settlement
- 9 negotiations is that Ms. Pyatte apparently at the
- 10 time thought that those parties had charged the Staff
- 11 with violating.
- 12 Charging someone with violating an
- 13 agreement is much stronger than saying that their
- 14 position is inconsistent with an agreement. And I'm
- 15 trying to explore on what basis she thought that
- 16 there was a reason to reveal confidential and
- 17 privileged settlement negotiations, and I think this
- 18 question goes to her reasons for doing so. It's very
- 19 relevant.
- 20 MR. FISCHER: I would certainly concur
- 21 with Public Counsel on that point too, Judge.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. I'll
- 23 overrule.
- 24 THE WITNESS: The situation, as I saw
- 25 it, was parties were claiming that language that

- 1 we've been arguing about meant something that it
- 2 didn't mean and that had explicitly been substituted
- 3 and -- in the midst of negotiations.
- 4 BY MR. MILLS:
- 5 Q. And my question was, at the time you
- 6 wrote your surrebuttal testimony, did you believe
- 7 that other parties had ascribed improper motivation
- 8 to Staff in the position that they took?
- 9 A. I guess the answer is yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. And did you do that solely on the
- 11 basis of their filed testimony or did you have some
- 12 other reason for thinking that people were ascribing
- improper motivation to the Staff?
- 14 A. On the basis of the testimony.
- Okay. Now, in your surrebuttal
- 16 testimony at page 5, specifically -- specifically at
- 17 line 6, you make the statement that,
- 18 "Ms. Meisenheimer did not use the cost data and class
- 19 definitions specified in the KCPL regulatory plan."
- 20 What cost data was specified in the KCPL regulatory
- 21 plan?
- 22 A. For rate case filing two which was the
- 23 last case.
- Q. I'm sorry. Rate case filing --
- 25 A. Rate case filing -- I'm sorry. One,

- 1 which was the last case, there was data specified in
- 2 the reg plan appendix i, "i" like Irene, that
- 3 specifically laid out the classes we would use, the
- 4 test year we would use, the time -- well, it was a
- 5 different test period. It laid out what data the
- 6 company would provide the parties, what special
- 7 studies would be done, and that's the data I'm
- 8 talking about. And I'm very familiar with all that
- 9 because I wrote appendix i.
- 10 MR. MILLS: Your Honor, may I approach?
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: You may.
- 12 BY MR. MILLS:
- 13 Q. Ms. Pyatte, I'm going to do -- show you
- 14 a copy of the Stipulation & Agreement in
- 15 EO-2005-0329, and ask you to look at pages 33 to 34,
- 16 if you would. What's the time period specified in
- 17 that section for the class cost of service study data
- in rate case filing No. 1?
- 19 A. 12 months ending December 31, 2005.
- 20 Q. And what did Ms. Meisenheimer use in her
- 21 class cost of service study in EO-2 -- ER-2006-0314?
- 22 A. Let me see. I believe she -- what did
- 23 she use? I believe this is a situation where the
- 24 text and the appendix are inconsistent.
- 25 Q. Do you know what period of time

- 1 Ms. Meisenheimer used in her testimony in Case
- 2 ER-2006-0314?
- 3 A. I know she used the test year that was
- 4 used for the revenue requirement portion of the case,
- 5 not for the rate design portion of the case. But
- 6 what time period, I don't know.
- 7 MR. MILLS: May I approach again, your
- 8 Honor?
- 9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: You may.
- 10 BY MR. MILLS:
- 11 Q. Ms. Meisenheimer -- I mean -- sorry.
- 12 Ms. Pyatte, I'm going to show you Ms. Meisenheimer's
- 13 rebuttal testimony that was admitted in Case No.
- 14 ER-2006-0314 and ask you to turn to page 2. Does
- 15 that reflect -- refresh your recollection of the time
- 16 period that Ms. Meisenheimer used?
- 17 A. It says her study -- I'm sorry. "My
- 18 studies attempt to update information to reflect the
- 19 test year ending December 31, 2005."
- 20 Q. And does that refresh your recollection
- 21 of what she actually did in that case?
- 22 A. Yes, because it says -- well, yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. Do you now believe that her cost
- 24 of service studies used a test year ending
- 25 December 31st, 2005, in that case?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. What class definitions were specified in
- 3 the regulatory plan?
- A. I believe they were residential, small
- 5 general service, medium general service, large
- 6 general service, large power service and I believe
- 7 lighting, but I don't have appendix i of the
- 8 regulatory plan in front of me.
- 9 MR. MILLS: May I approach again?
- 10 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, sir, you may.
- 11 BY MR. MILLS:
- 12 Q. Ms. Pyatte, I'll hand you what's been --
- 13 what's Exhibit i from the Stipulation & Agreement in
- 14 EO-2005-0329. Does that confirm that what you just
- 15 stated for the class definitions was accurate?
- 16 A. Except that we bundled together lighting
- 17 and other customers to which known costs are assigned
- 18 and other costs are allocated.
- 19 Q. And in the class cost of service study
- 20 that the Staff did in Case EO -- ER-2006-0314, did
- 21 the Staff break out lighting as a separate class?
- 22 A. Yes. We just simply didn't allocate
- 23 cost to it.
- Q. And in what way was Ms. Meisenheimer's
- 25 study not consistent with class definitions?

- 1 A. She allocated costs to a class she
- 2 called special contracts which did not exist -- there
- 3 were no customers in it.
- 4 Q. So she simply broke out another class
- 5 out of the large power class; is that correct?
- 6 A. No -- well, I don't know where she broke
- 7 it out of, but ...
- 8 Q. You didn't understand where -- the way
- 9 she did that -- that in her cost study?
- 10 A. Well, if you have no customers, when you
- 11 ask me where did you get them from, I have difficulty
- 12 answering the question, Mr. Mills.
- 13 Q. Did either Ms. Meisenheimer's use of the
- 14 12/31/05 test year or her variation on the use of a
- 15 class definitions cause her study results to be
- 16 significantly different from the other parties in
- 17 that case?
- 18 A. Something caused them -- something
- 19 caused her -- one of her two studies to be
- 20 significantly different.
- 21 Q. And in your expert opinion, do you
- 22 believe it was either the different time period in
- 23 which her data covered or her use of the special
- 24 contract class?
- 25 A. I don't know what it was.

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1 Q. Okay. Now, Ms. Pyatte, do you have a
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- 2 calculator there with you?
- 3 A. No. I, like Mr. Watkins, don't do math
- 4 in public.
- 5 Q. Well, I'm going to ask you to do a
- 6 little math in public, and this will -- this will be
- 7 fairly simple. And this is referring to page 7 of
- 8 your testimony in the numbers in the table there.
- 9 Can you subtract 7.7 from 12.7?
- 10 A. 7.7. Yeah, it's 5.
- 11 Q. Okay. And what is 5 divided by 7.7?
- 12 A. I believe what you're referring to is --
- 13 Q. What I'm referring to is a simple
- 14 arithmetic question. If you can answer --
- 15 A. I know what you're saying. I know what
- 16 you're saying, but it's -- it's a
- 17 mischaracterization, okay?
- 18 MR. MILLS: Judge, if I may have
- 19 a question -- that question answered?
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, if you would please
- 21 answer the question, if you know the answer. If you
- 22 don't know, you may say you don't know.
- THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 24 JUDGE PRIDGIN: He asked you a
- 25 mathematical question.

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1 THE WITNESS: Okay. The question is,
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- 2 what is 5 per --
- 3 BY MR. MILLS:
- 4 Q. 5 divided by 7.7.
- 5 A. -- 5 percent -- 5 percentage points
- 6 divided by 7.7. I don't know --
- 7 MR. MILLS: Judge?
- 8 THE WITNESS: -- the answer, but I will
- 9 take subject to check that it's 21 percent.
- 10 BY MR. MILLS:
- 11 Q. Well, I think you'd be wrong. If you
- 12 don't know, you can say you don't know.
- 13 A. Okay. I don't know.
- Q. Okay. Hypothetically assume that 5
- 15 divided by 7.7 is .649.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. If that is true, is 12.7 65 -- 64.9
- 18 percent higher than 7.7?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Do you consider rounding 64.9 up
- 21 to 65 to be a misrepresentation?
- 22 A. Not the rounding.
- Q. Okay. Now, in your testimony at page 8
- 24 and continuing on to page 9, you give a definition of
- 25 rate structure. Does that definition appear in any

- 1 other Commission case?
- 2 A. I -- I can't tell you. I mean, we've
- 3 done 30 years' worth of rate design cases. I can't
- 4 tell you -- I mean, it's -- it's common language.
- 5 Q. Do you know whether it appears in any
- 6 other rate case?
- 7 A. I don't know.
- 8 Q. Okay. Do you know whether it's been
- 9 cited in any -- in any other jurisdictions?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Now, in this case did you request
- 12 information from Ms. Meisenheimer regarding a
- 13 statement and associated footnote that appears on
- 14 page 7, lines 10 through 15 of her rebuttal
- 15 testimony?
- 16 A. Ms. Meisenheimer's testimony where,
- 17 Mr. Mills?
- 18 Q. Page 7, lines 10 through 15 and the
- 19 footnote that's associated with that text.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 MR. MILLS: Okay. Judge, I'd like to
- 22 have an exhibit marked.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right.
- 24 (EXHIBIT NO. 209 WAS MARKED FOR
- 25 IDENTIFICATION BY THE COURT REPORTER.)

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1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And by my count that's
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- 2 Exhibit 209. Does that sound right, Mr. Mills?
- 3 MR. MILLS: Yes, I believe it is.
- 4 BY MR. MILLS:
- 5 Q. Ms. Pyatte, did I give you a copy?
- 6 A. No, but that's fine.
- 7 THE COURT REPORTER: Here. There you
- 8 go.
- 9 BY MR. MILLS:
- 10 Q. Do you have a copy?
- 11 A. Now I do.
- 12 Q. Okay. Is that a copy of a data request
- 13 that you submitted to Public Counsel and the response
- 14 that you received?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. Can I get you to -- and just describe
- 17 for me, if you would, please, what the response to
- 18 this data request is.
- 19 A. It's a -- at least one chapter out of a
- 20 book named, The Regulation of Public Utilities,
- 21 Theory and Practice, the author being Charles F.
- 22 Phillips, Jr.
- 23 Q. And is the Phillips book, The Regulation
- 24 of Public Utilities generally held to be a -- an
- 25 authoritative treatise in the field of public utility

- 1 regulation?
- 2 A. I believe it's one of them.
- 3 Q. Can I get you to turn to the sixth page
- 4 of the response which is page 410 of the regulation
- 5 of public utilities book?
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. Ms. Pyatte, I want you to look at the
- 8 second full paragraph on that page. Does the last
- 9 sentence of that paragraph not state that, "The rate
- 10 structure thus involves determination of specific
- 11 rates and determination of rate relationships"?
- 12 A. That's what it says.
- 13 MR. MILLS: Judge, with that, I would
- 14 like to offer Exhibit 209 into the record.
- MS. KLIETHERMES: I'm gonna object on
- 16 the basis of the motion filed yesterday, and pending
- 17 ruling on that, I would continue the objection.
- 18 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Any other
- 19 objections?
- MR. KEEVIL: Yeah, Judge. I would
- 21 object on the -- join in her -- object on the basis
- 22 of hearsay. And this is -- appears to be
- 23 Ms. Meisenheimer's response to a DR, not Ms. Pyatte's,
- 24 so it's certainly not an admission by Ms. Pyatte and --
- MR. MILLS: Ms. -- Ms. Pyatte has

- 1 already authenticated it and identified it as a
- 2 chapter from an authoritative treatise. I think it's
- 3 admissible on that basis, of course, pending Staff's
- 4 objection. But I don't believe that the hearsay
- 5 objection is relevant because it is an authoritative
- 6 treatise used by knowledgeable experts in this field.
- 7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I will overrule the
- 8 hearsay objection and note that the Staff objection
- 9 is still pending.
- MR. MILLS: Okay.
- 11 BY MR. MILLS:
- 12 Q. Now, are you aware that Staff has a
- 13 later addition of this same reference book in its
- 14 library?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. At least one?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. When did you become aware that
- 19 the Staff had that reference book?
- 20 A. After I talked to Ms. Meisenheimer.
- 21 MR. MILLS: Judge, I think the rest of
- 22 the questions I have are going to get into privileged
- 23 information, and so I would like -- I guess under the
- 24 Commission's procedures, we don't really have a
- 25 procedure for talking about privileged information,

so if we can go in-camera and at least treat it as

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highly confidential for this portion, that would
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     afford it some protection, and I would request that
     we do that.
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                  JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Any
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     objections to going in-camera?
                  (NO RESPONSE.)
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                  JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Hearing
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     none, give me just a moment, please.
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     in-camera session was held, which is contained in
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JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. We're now
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- 2 back in public session.
- 3 MR. MILLS: And, Judge, if this would be
- 4 an appropriate time to recess, I think I can narrow
- 5 my questions down to just two or three more or
- 6 eliminate them altogether if I have a few minutes.
- 7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I'm sorry. You need a
- 8 moment to --
- 9 MR. MILLS: Yeah, if we could -- if we
- 10 could take a break and then ...
- 11 JUDGE PRIDGIN: That's fine. If we
- 12 could come back -- I show 10:10 according to that
- 13 clock at the back of the hearing room. Let's resume
- 14 at 10:25.
- MR. MILLS: Great. Thank you.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you. We're off
- 17 the record.
- 18 (A RECESS WAS TAKEN.)
- 19 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. We're back
- 20 on the record. We took a recess, and Mr. Mills, I
- 21 think you wanted some time to see if you had any more
- 22 questions?
- MR. MILLS: I do have just a few more.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes.
- MR. MILLS: And they should all be in

- 1 open session. They're just general questions.
- 2 CROSS-EXAMINATION (CONTINUED) BY MR. MILLS:
- 3 Q. Now, Ms. Pyatte, do you have a copy of
- 4 Ms. Meisenheimer's testimony in front of you?
- 5 A. Yes, I do.
- 6 Q. Can I get you to look at page 3, lines
- 7 11 through 12? Does -- does Ms. Meisenheimer take
- 8 the position there that "any increase be allocated as
- 9 an equal percent increase to all customers"?
- 10 A. Those are precisely her words.
- 11 Q. Okay. And what does that mean to you?
- 12 A. Well, that has a very precise meaning.
- 13 It's totally unambiguous. You take each and every
- 14 rate value on each and every tariff sheet that's
- 15 subject to change, and you multiply it by whatever
- 16 the percentage is that's specified.
- 17 Q. Okay. And you said "that's subject to
- 18 change." How does -- how does that -- please explain
- 19 that qualifier.
- 20 A. In any rate case there are certain rates
- 21 that are not subject to change. For example, a late
- 22 payment fee may not be automatically subject to
- 23 change, or the percentage that's charged on excess
- 24 facilities.
- 25 Q. Okay. Now, in terms of designing rates,

- 1 would you agree that parties in designing rates
- 2 sometimes propose alternative class designations?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Would you agree that in designing rates
- 5 parties sometimes propose new rate elements?
- A. If by an element you mean a value, which
- 7 would mean in my terminology, if you're charging
- 8 6 cents now per unit and you want to charge 8 cents,
- 9 yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. Would you agree that in designing
- 11 rates, parties sometimes propose alternative terms
- 12 and conditions of service?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. Now, would you agree that -- that
- 15 if, for example, a company's tariffs did not provide
- 16 for late fees, that adding a late fee would be a new
- 17 rate element?
- 18 A. Technically, yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. Now, if -- if -- if in a
- 20 hypothetical case the parties agreed that there would
- 21 be no rate design changes, then all of those things
- 22 that we just talked about would not be allowed
- 23 pursuant to that agreement; is that correct?
- 24 A. Right.
- 25 Q. Okay. Now, would you -- would you agree

- 1 that proposing alternative class designations is a
- 2 change in rate structures?
- 3 A. Alternative class designations. I --
- 4 yeah, I guess I would have to say that. If you were
- 5 proposing to change from some -- well, yeah.
- 6 Q. Okay. And how about proposing new rate
- 7 elements, would that be a change in rate structures?
- 8 A. If you proposed to add a block, delete a
- 9 block, yes, that kind of stuff, yes.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. The simple way to think about it is if
- 12 it requires new billing units, it's a rate structure
- 13 change.
- 14 Q. Okay. So adding a late charge where
- 15 there was no late charge before, would you consider
- 16 that to be a change in rate structure?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. Now, I'm gonna ask -- I'm gonna
- 19 throw out a simple hypothetical: A company has a
- 20 rate -- has -- for a particular class has a series of
- 21 rates in three blocks. First block is 30 cents per
- 22 unit, the second block is 20 cents per unit and the
- 23 third block is 10 cents her unit. Do you understand
- 24 the hypothetical?
- 25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Okay. I believe it was your testimony
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- 2 that if, for example, you get rid of the 10-cent
- 3 block altogether, that would be a change in rate
- 4 structure; is that correct?
- 5 A. Well, you can do it two ways: One is
- 6 you can eliminate the -- the -- the block. The other
- 7 is you can simply price the two blocks the same way.
- Q. Okay. Well, let's answer both of those.
- 9 Is either of those a change in rate structure?
- 10 A. That's on -- on the edge of -- of what
- 11 that definition means. The -- on the -- on the other
- 12 hand, if you decided you wanted to add another block,
- 13 that clearly is a change in rate structure because
- 14 you clearly don't have billing ends to do that.
- 15 Q. Okay. Well, let me -- let me see if I
- 16 can -- if I can clarify that answer. If you
- 17 eliminate a block, is that a change in rate
- 18 structure?
- 19 A. If you eliminate a block. Probably.
- 20 Q. Okay. If you price two of the blocks
- 21 the same, is that a change in rate structure?
- 22 A. Not necessarily.
- Q. Okay. You said -- you gave it a
- 24 qualifier, "not necessarily." Under what
- 25 circumstances would that be a change in rate

- 1 structure?
- 2 A. In this courtroom, a whole lot of people
- 3 would quibble about whether that is or that isn't.
- 4 Q. Well, I'm not asking you about other
- 5 people. I'm asking you in terms of your definition
- 6 what rate structures are.
- 7 A. In terms of my definition as the kind of
- 8 person who sits in the bowels of the place and
- 9 calculates rates, I would say that if you take
- 10 existing billing units that have those blocks and you
- 11 want to charge them the same physical charge instead
- 12 of two different charges, it's not a change in rate
- 13 structure.
- 14 Q. Okay. How about -- in my hypothetical,
- 15 so you'll recall, the blocks were 30 cents, 20 cents
- 16 and 10 cents. How about you made a change where the
- 17 three blocks were priced at 30 cents, 20 cents and
- 18 zero cents; would that be a change in rate structure?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 MR. MILLS: Okay. No further questions.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Mills, thank you.
- 22 Let's see if we have any bench questions.
- 23 Commissioner Jarrett?
- 24 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 25 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. I'm sorry.

- 1 Mr. -- Mr. Fischer?
- MR. FISCHER: Yeah, Judge, I'm sorry. I
- 3 thought I didn't have any, but I do have one or two
- 4 here.
- 5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I apologize for
- 6 overlooking you.
- 7 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. FISCHER:
- 8 Q. Ms. Pyatte, if you eliminate the
- 9 availability of a rate schedule altogether, would
- 10 that in your mind be a rate structure change?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And Public Counsel asked you about your
- 13 definition of rate structure that's contained in your
- 14 testimony on page 8. I believe it's also contained
- 15 in the Staff's class cost of service rate design
- 16 report for this case. Were you or someone on your
- 17 staff the author of those -- that definition?
- 18 A. I am.
- 19 MR. FISCHER: Okay. Thank you.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Thank you.
- 21 Further recross?
- (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: No bench questions?
- 24 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Redirect?

- 1 MS. KLIETHERMES: Just briefly.
- 2 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. KLIETHERMES:
- 3 Q. Mr. Mills asked you if Mr. Rush or
- 4 Ms. Meisenheimer used the specific words violate or
- 5 violation. Do either of these witnesses use language
- 6 that you take to be alleging that Staff has violated
- 7 the experimental regulatory plan Stipulation &
- 8 Agreement?
- 9 A. Would you -- would you ask the question
- 10 again? I got the first part but what the question
- 11 was.
- 12 Q. Do either Mr. -- I'm sorry. Do either
- 13 Mr. Rush or Ms. Meisenheimer use language in their
- 14 testimonies that you -- that you take to be an
- 15 allegation that the Staff has violated the
- 16 experimental regulatory plan Stipulation & Agreement?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Do either of those witnesses use the
- 19 terms "prohibited by" or "not consistent with" in
- 20 reference to Staff's proposals and conformity with
- 21 the experimental regulatory plan Stipulation &
- 22 Agreement --
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. -- in your recollection? All right.
- 25 And I do have one question regarding that text that

- 1 I've objected to that was contained in Exhibit 209.
- 2 And given the consideration of the pendency of those
- 3 motions, would it be acceptable if I asked a question
- 4 referring to that with the understanding that if the
- 5 motion to strike is successful, then that too would
- 6 be stricken? Is that sufficient?
- 7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I think I understand
- 8 your question. I think I understand your -- your
- 9 question. Is there any comment from counsel?
- 10 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: I don't see a problem
- 12 with it, but -- all right.
- 13 BY MS. KLIETHERMES:
- 14 Q. All right. On page 410 of that exhibit
- 15 there's the sentence, "The rate structure thus
- 16 involves determination of specific rates and
- 17 determination of rate relationships." If you accept
- 18 that definition of rate structure, would the -- would
- 19 the prohibition of rate structure changes in this
- 20 case prohibit a general rate increase?
- 21 A. Under that -- that definition is so
- 22 broad that I think it could be construed that way.
- MS. KLIETHERMES: All right. Thank you.
- 24 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Thank you.
- 25 There's nothing further?

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1 (NO RESPONSE.)
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- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Ms. Pyatte,
- 3 thank you very much.
- 4 MS. KLIETHERMES: I would like to offer
- 5 Ms. Pyatte's surrebuttal testimony in HC and NP
- 6 versions as Staff Exhibit 111.
- 7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: 111 has been offered and
- 8 I understand we have some pending objections, and I
- 9 will not rule on those at this time. Are there any
- 10 other objections?
- MR. MILLS: There are, your Honor.
- 12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Mills.
- MR. MILLS: With respect to -- and I'm
- 14 gonna -- this goes to a portion that has been
- 15 designated as highly confidential which I assert is
- 16 privileged, but I'm gonna try to make my objection
- 17 without revealing any information there.
- 18 But with respect to the -- in particular
- 19 the language on page 10, line 7 through 10, and the
- 20 quotation in particular, I believe that is not only
- 21 hearsay, but it is unattributed hearsay in that
- 22 Ms. Pyatte has admitted on the stand that she doesn't
- 23 know who wrote that language. So I want to object to
- 24 that portion on those two bases.
- The following portion at lines 11

- 1 through line 8 on page 11 is all entirely hearsay,
- 2 and I want to object to it on that basis. Although
- 3 in those sections it is at least attributed to
- 4 someone, it is nonetheless hearsay offered for the --
- 5 for the truth of the assertions made therein, and I
- 6 object to it as such.
- 7 MS. KLIETHERMES: If I may respond to
- 8 that? It is not offered for the truth of the matter
- 9 asserted therein.
- 10 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Other
- 11 objections?
- 12 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay.
- 14 MR. FISCHER: Counsel, could I ask what
- 15 is it offered -- for what purpose?
- MS. KLIETHERMES: It is offered to show
- 17 the discrepancy between drafts, not to allege that
- 18 either of those drafts or any of those drafts,
- 19 rather, were ever finally executed or such which is
- 20 what I believe Mr. Mills is attempting to allege.
- 21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. If there's
- 22 nothing further, the objections that Mr. Mills just
- 23 made are overruled. The other objections on that
- 24 same language are still pending and that's not ruled
- 25 upon.

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1 So with the exception of the motions to
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- 2 strike, and I believe it is -- let me be sure I get
- 3 this right for the record. I believe motions to
- 4 strike, roughly portions of page 10 and 11 of
- 5 Ms. Pyatte's surrebuttal testimony; is that -- is
- 6 that correct, are those the motions that are pending?
- 7 MR. MILLS: I think they -- there may be
- 8 some discrepancy between KCPL's motion --
- 9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes.
- 10 MR. MILLS: -- and my motion on the line
- 11 numbers, but they are all -- all on -- around that
- 12 section on page 10 and 11, yes.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: How about I -- how about
- 14 with the exception of the portions of testimony that
- 15 are the subject matter of pending motions from Kansas
- 16 City Power & Light and Office of Public Counsel; is
- 17 that accurate?
- MR. MILLS: Yes.
- 19 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Except for
- 20 those portions of the testimony, the exhibit is
- 21 admitted and those other objections will be ruled
- 22 upon at a later time. All right. Anything further?
- 23 MR. KEEVIL: Judge, could I just ask for
- 24 clarification since I wasn't here last week? Has
- 25 the, I believe it's 103, the Staff's class cost of

- 1 service rate design study been received?
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: I don't show that it's
- 3 been offered or received yet. All right. All right.
- 4 Ms. Pyatte, thank you very much. You may step down.
- 5 I believe Mr. Brubaker is the next
- 6 witness. If you'll raise your right hand to be
- 7 sworn, sir.
- 8 (THE WITNESS WAS SWORN.)
- 9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you very much,
- 10 sir. If you would please have a seat. And
- 11 Mr. Woodsmall, anything before he stands cross?
- MR. WOODSMALL: Yes, thank you, your
- 13 Honor.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: You're welcome.
- 15 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. WOODSMALL:
- 16 Q. Could you state your name for the
- 17 record, please.
- 18 A. Yes. My name is Maurice Brubaker.
- 19 Q. And do you have any changes or
- 20 corrections to what has been marked Exhibit 601 or
- 21 Exhibit 602?
- 22 A. I have one minor typographical error to
- 23 fix in Exhibit 601.
- Q. That's your direct testimony?
- 25 A. It is. It appears on page 4 in line 7.

- 1 The language is, "Would have usage in the range of
- 2 100 kWh for, "f-o-r. The word "for" should be
- 3 stricken, and in its place put the word "per," p-e-r.
- 4 Those are all the changes I have.
- 5 MR. WOODSMALL: Thank you, your Honor.
- 6 Tender the witness for cross-examination. And given
- 7 that this is the only time Mr. Brubaker will be
- 8 appearing, I would offer Exhibit 601, his direct
- 9 testimony and 602, his surrebuttal testimony.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Woodsmall, thank
- 11 you. Exhibits 601 and 602 have been offered. Are
- 12 there any objections?
- 13 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Hearing none, Exhibit
- 15 601 is admitted and Exhibit 602 is admitted.
- 16 (EXHIBIT NOS. 601 AND 602 WERE RECEIVED
- 17 INTO EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Let me see who has
- 19 cross-examination. Staff?
- 20 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Any other parties have
- 22 cross?
- 23 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right.
- 25 Ms. Kliethermes.

- 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. KLIETHERMES:
- 2 Q. Good morning, sir.
- 3 A. Good morning.
- 4 Q. Just a simple one for you. Are the
- 5 terms rate structure and rate design synonymous?
- 6 A. No, they are not.
- 7 MS. KLIETHERMES: Thank you.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Bench questions?
- 9 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 10 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Can you rehabilitate
- 11 that witness, Mr. Woodsmall?
- 12 MR. WOODSMALL: I have a whole bunch.
- 13 Can we take a break? Thank you, your Honor, no.
- 14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. No bench
- 15 questions.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you very much,
- 18 Mr. Brubaker.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Are we then
- 21 ready to go on to the issues that were slated for
- 22 today, the general service all-electric tariffs and
- 23 general service separately metered space-heating
- 24 tariff provisions? And I understand Mr. Rush will be
- 25 the first witness, and I think some counsel have

- 1 expressed a desire to give mini opening statements.
- 2 Do counsel wish to do that before we proceed with
- 3 Mr. Rush?
- 4 MR. KEEVIL: Yes, Judge, but also, I'm
- 5 going to need to switch tables so I --
- 6 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Certainly.
- 7 MR. KEEVIL: -- can have a functional
- 8 microphone.
- 9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, I understand. Yes,
- 10 and I appreciate that. If we could accommodate
- 11 Mr. Keevil and give him a microphone.
- MR. KEEVIL: I'm somewhat soft spoken.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: I wasn't gonna say
- 14 anything. And I'm sorry. Mr. Keevil, you want a
- 15 mini opening statement; is that correct?
- MR. KEEVIL: Yeah, just very briefly --
- 17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Certainly.
- MR. KEEVIL: -- and I think Mr. Fisher
- 19 had one too, if I remember from yesterday correctly.
- MR. FISCHER: Yes.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Anyone else?
- 22 Oh, Ms. Kliethermes? Let me refer back to the
- 23 parties' agreed-upon opening statements. I guess
- 24 I'll ask Mr. Fischer if you're prepared.
- MR. FISCHER: Sure.

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1 MR. KEEVIL: I'm sorry to interrupt
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- 2 Mr. Fischer, but as -- the openings I agree, Judge.
- 3 On the order of cross, it's listed on the statement
- 4 there. On some issues they maybe need to slightly
- 5 change the order of cross. I would request, Judge,
- 6 to go last on KCPL witnesses.
- 7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Fine with me. All
- 8 right. I'm sorry. Mr. Fischer?
- 9 MR. FISCHER: May it please the
- 10 Commission, I think we're about down to the last
- 11 issue here, I think. I just wanted to give a brief
- 12 opening.
- We discussed yesterday the history of
- 14 this rate design issue which included the
- 15 all-electric and space-heating rates as part of last
- 16 year's case, the 2006 case. Just to refresh your
- 17 memory, as a part of this -- the settlement in the
- 18 last case, we were able to resolve most of the rate
- 19 design issues with the exception of the general
- 20 service and all-electric winter rate issue. But as a
- 21 part of that particular stipulation, the general
- 22 service space-heating rates and the all-electric
- 23 winter rates were increased by 5 percent --
- 24 5 percentage points more than each class's general
- 25 application rates. That agreement reduced the

- 1 difference between the all-electric rates and the
- 2 general service rates.
- In addition, the Commission resolved the
- 4 other all-electric rate issues that were raised by
- 5 Trigen in that particular case, and Trigen has
- 6 appealed that order but we're still awaiting the
- 7 decision from the Circuit Court, Judge Beetem, in
- 8 that particular matter.
- 9 But turning for a moment to the issues
- 10 that are being litigated in this case, Trigen, for
- 11 what we believe are competitive reasons, is once
- 12 again recommending that the general service
- 13 all-electric tariff rates and separately metered
- 14 space-heating rates be increased by more than the
- 15 system average increase that's granted in this case.
- The company's general service
- 17 all-electric tariff rates and the separately metered
- 18 space-heating rates were increased by 5 percent more
- 19 than the system average in the -- in the 2006 rate
- 20 case as I just mentioned, and that was by agreement
- 21 of all the parties, including Kansas City Power &
- 22 Light.
- However, in this case we are opposed to
- 24 increasing that again in this particular case.
- 25 There -- there's no similar agreement in this case

1 and we're frankly just opposed to allowing Trigen to

- 2 take another bite at the apple in this case.
- 3 Similarly, in the last case Trigen
- 4 opposed the phase-out or proposed -- excuse me, the
- 5 phase-out of the all-electric rates, and the
- 6 Commission said no. Trigen asked the Commission to
- 7 reconsider its decision, and the Commission said no
- 8 again in that 2006 rate case. Trigen is appealing
- 9 that part of the decision and the Commission
- 10 shouldn't now allow Trigen to take another bite of
- 11 the apple on that issue either.
- 12 The elimination or even phasing out of
- 13 all-electric rates would clearly be a change in rate
- 14 structure no matter how you define it. We believe
- 15 the signatory parties in the regulatory plan case
- 16 agreed not to propose such rate structure changes in
- 17 this case. While Trigen wasn't a signatory, the
- 18 Staff was, and it's unfortunate that Staff has chosen
- 19 to endorse this idea when the Commission rejected it
- 20 just less than a year ago.
- 21 KCPL believes that Trigen is
- 22 recommending this proposal to further its own general
- 23 economic and competitive interests by limiting,
- 24 modifying or discontinuing the all-electric
- 25 space-heating rates. As the Commission's decision in

- 1 the 2000 rate case noted, KCPL's general service rate
- 2 design has been in place for many years with the
- 3 approval of the Commission.
- As a matter of fact, in 1996 when KCPL
- 5 completed its last rate design case, Trigen agreed to
- 6 support and endorse before the Commission a
- 7 Stipulation & Agreement that implemented that rate
- 8 structure, including the all-electric rates. No
- 9 party to this case has presented competent and
- 10 substantial evidence including a cost of service
- 11 study that would justify the elimination or phase-out
- of the Commission-approved rate structure including
- 13 the all-electric rates.
- 14 If we are to dramatically change the
- 15 rate structure along the lines being suggested by
- 16 Trigen, it should only be done when there is a
- 17 comprehensive cost of service study and in the
- 18 context and overall look at the company's rate
- 19 design.
- 20 Another issue that was recently
- 21 addressed by the Commission in the 2006 rate case is
- 22 Trigen's proposal in this case to restrict the
- 23 availability of the all-electric tariffs to KCPL's
- 24 existing customers at locations currently being
- 25 served by such tariffs. The Commission ruled against

- 1 Trigen on this issue in the 2006 rate case, and the
- 2 Commission shouldn't give Trigen another bite of the
- 3 apple on this issue either.
- 4 One of the most significant effects of
- 5 the Trigen proposal is the likely increase in rates
- 6 for all other customers that would result if Trigen's
- 7 position is adopted. By limiting, restricting or
- 8 curtailing the application of electric heating,
- 9 customers will likely turn to natural gas or steam
- 10 heating. This will result in a reduction of
- 11 electricity usage in off-peak periods and ultimately
- 12 increase rates to -- ultimately increase rates to
- 13 cover the fixed investments previously being
- 14 recovered by other customers.
- 15 If the Commission adopted Trigen's
- 16 proposal, it would directly affect 2,000 KCPL general
- 17 service customers who have revenues in excess of
- 18 \$50 million. There are also numerous existing KCL --
- 19 KCPL customers that are in the process of completing
- 20 major construction projects in Kansas City. They've
- 21 already made energy investment decisions assuming the
- 22 availability of the existing general service
- 23 all-electric and space-heating rates.
- 24 If the Commission adopts Trigen's
- 25 position and restricts or eliminates the all-electric

- 1 and space-heating rates, it would jeopardize the
- 2 energy investment decisions made by these major
- 3 general service customers.
- 4 KCPL believes that the efforts by Trigen
- 5 and Staff to restrict the availability of the
- 6 all-electric and separately metered space-heating
- 7 rates are premature and totally unsupported in the
- 8 record in this case. Their recommendations are not
- 9 based on class cost of service studies or studies
- 10 directed at the specific design of the separately
- 11 metered space-heating and all-electric rates.
- 12 It appears that both Trigen and Staff
- 13 are trying to undo a rate design that was implemented
- in '96 with the support of both the Staff and Trigen.
- 15 Finally, Trigen again is requesting that
- 16 the Commission order KCPL to do a cost of service
- 17 study in the next rate case. The Commission ruled
- 18 against Trigen in the 2006 rate case, and the company
- 19 believes that it should do that again in this -- in
- 20 this proceeding.
- 21 The regulatory plan stipulation lays out
- 22 the schedule for cost of service studies. And as
- 23 I've already mentioned, the signatory parties to the
- 24 regulatory plan stipulation specifically agreed not
- 25 to file new or updated cost of service studies in

- 1 rate case No. 3. Such cost of service studies are
- 2 more appropriate when the Commission reviews the
- 3 impact of the Iatan 2 plant coming into rate base in
- 4 the future. Thank you very much for your attention
- 5 and we'll look forward to your questions.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Fischer, thank you.
- 7 Ms. Kliethermes?
- 8 MS. KLIETHERMES: May it please the
- 9 Commission. This issue is quite straightforward. Is
- 10 there any cost justification for general service
- 11 customers who use electricity for space-heating
- 12 purposes to pay lower rates than do similar customers
- 13 who use electricity for other purposes? The Staff
- 14 has concluded that there isn't. Staff recommends
- 15 that the Commission whittle away the space-heating
- 16 and all-electric discounts until KCPL can come up
- 17 with a credible cost justification.
- 18 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Kliethermes, thank
- 19 you. Mr. Keevil?
- 20 MR. KEEVIL: It's still morning, right?
- 21 Yes. Good morning. May it please the Commission.
- 22 The issues scheduled to be heard today, or the rest
- 23 of today, are those issues and subissues regarding
- 24 KCPL's general service all-electric tariff rates and
- 25 separately metered space-heating rates which I will

- 1 at times collectively refer to as discounted rates.
- Now, since I also gave a limited opening
- 3 statement last Monday, I will try to be very brief
- 4 here this morning. However, I would refer you to the
- 5 prefiled direct, rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony
- 6 of Trigen's witness, Mr. Joseph A. Herz, as well as
- 7 Trigen's statement of position for a more detailed
- 8 discussion of these issues.
- 9 Now, first of all, to respond to a few
- 10 things Mr. Fischer mentioned in his opening here this
- 11 morning, I believe Mr. Fischer said that Trigen
- 12 proposed a phase-out of these rates in KCPL's last
- 13 rate case. And I believe if you'd look back at what
- 14 Trigen proposed in that last rate case, you will see
- 15 that it was not a phase-out proposal, it was an
- 16 outright elimination, cut and dried, in that last
- 17 rate case. So I believe Mr. Fischer is wrong in that
- 18 respect.
- 19 Also he made reference to the rate
- 20 design stipulation from the last rate case, and I
- 21 would just -- I believe he said all parties support
- 22 it. I believe if you take a look at that, you'll see
- 23 that Trigen was not a signatory to that rate design
- 24 stipulation. Now, we did not oppose it, we did not
- 25 request a hearing on it, but we were not a signatory

- 1 to that.
- 2 Finally, in regard to Mr. Fischer's
- 3 remarks earlier, we submit that Trigen's proposal
- 4 will not result in a rate increase as KCPL claims,
- 5 but, in fact, would lower the rates paid by the
- 6 standard general service tariff customers by
- 7 eliminating the cross-subsidy that they are providing
- 8 to these discounted rates.
- 9 And I don't know whether I'm using
- 10 subsidy in the proper terminology there for
- 11 Mr. Fischer's liking or not, but we believe the
- 12 standard tariff customers are in effect subsidizing
- 13 the discount customers within the general service
- 14 rate classes.
- Now, Trigen submits and believes the
- 16 evidence will establish that these discounted rates
- 17 suffer from several substantial flaws, among which
- 18 are the -- excuse me, let me start that over -- among
- 19 which are that these discounted rates, first, are
- 20 unreasonable and unfairly discriminate between
- 21 customers by charging different rates to similar
- 22 customers for service under similar circumstances;
- 23 second, send price signals that favor low load
- 24 factor, high demand use for selective end-use
- 25 customers which conflicts with the price signal sent

- 1 to other customers in the same general service class;
- 2 and third, as a consequence of these discounted
- 3 rates, the standard tariff customers are providing a
- 4 subsidy to those customers receiving the discounted
- 5 rates, as I mentioned just a moment ago.
- Now, as I mentioned last Monday in
- 7 KCPL's last rate case, the Commission stated in its
- 8 Report and Order that it is concerned that during
- 9 KCPL's winter season, commercial and industrial
- 10 customers under the all-electric general service
- 11 tariffs pay about 23 percent less for the entire
- 12 electricity usage than they would otherwise pay under
- 13 the standard general service tariff, and that
- 14 commercial industrial customers under the separately
- 15 metered space-heating provisions pay about 54 percent
- 16 less for such usage than they would pay under the
- 17 standard general service tariff.
- 18 Now, to clarify or correct something I
- 19 may have said last Monday, in this case, KCPL's
- 20 proposal for an across-the-board increase that is
- 21 equal to its overall rate increase would have the
- 22 effect of increasing the size of the rate discounts
- 23 which we believe is inconsistent with what was done
- 24 in the last rate case, and certainly does not address
- 25 the concerns expressed by the Commission in its

- 1 Report and Order in the last rate case.
- 2 Turning briefly now to the issues
- 3 specifically on the list of issues under issue 23,
- 4 KCPL's discounted rates should be increased more than
- 5 the corresponding standard general application rates.
- 6 More specifically, in regard to the all-electric
- 7 tariff rates, the difference between the standard
- 8 general application rates and the all-electric tariff
- 9 rates should be reduced by one-third.
- In regard to the separately metered
- 11 space-heating rates, those rates should be increased
- 12 by 10 percent on a revenue-neutral basis, or in other
- words, 10 percent more than the corresponding
- 14 standard general application rates.
- 15 Also, the Commission should order in
- 16 this case that the all-electric tariff rates should
- 17 be phased out over a period of three rate cases
- 18 starting with this rate case. And the separately
- 19 metered space-heating rates should be phased out over
- 20 a two-rate-case period, starting with this rate case,
- 21 unless KCPL files a cost of service study and
- 22 analysis which supports these discounted rates prior
- 23 to the rates being phased out.
- Now, until these discounted rates are
- 25 phased out, they should be restricted to those

- 1 qualifying customers' physical locations being served
- 2 under such discounted rates currently, currently
- 3 meaning as of the dates -- as of the date used for
- 4 the billing determinants in this case. And these
- 5 discounted rates should only be available to these
- 6 customers for so long as they continuously remain on
- 7 that rate schedule.
- 8 Trigen also submits that KCPL should be
- 9 required to submit as part of its next rate case a
- 10 cost of service study and analysis to support these
- 11 discounted rates. And if not, KCPL should be
- 12 required to impute the revenues associated with these
- 13 discounted rates to eliminate the cross-subsidy by
- 14 standard tariff customers.
- 15 Also, KCPL should be ordered to
- 16 determine if the customers served under these
- 17 discount rates continue to qualify for such rates, to
- 18 remove those customers which are no longer eligible
- 19 for the discounted rates and to monitor and police
- 20 the eligibility requirements of the customers
- 21 receiving the discounted rates for reporting in
- 22 KCPL's next rate case.
- The last subissue, if you will, listed
- 24 under item 23 on the list of issues states -- or is
- 25 phrased as whether the Commission should approve

- 1 KCPL's proposal to rename its general service
- 2 all-electric tariffs as space-heating tariffs. We
- 3 submit the answer to that question is no, and I
- 4 believe Staff is in agreement with us on that one.
- Now, although I don't want to speak for
- 6 Staff, I would note that on several of these issues
- 7 that I've just addressed, not just that last one, but
- 8 several of them, Staff and Trigen are either in
- 9 agreement or not that far apart.
- 10 Also, given the issues that you heard
- 11 yesterday and earlier this morning, I would like to
- 12 note that Trigen's proposals do not involve any
- 13 interclass revenue shifts. Furthermore, Trigen was
- 14 not a signatory to the stipulation in the KCPL
- 15 regulatory plan case. I believe Mr. Fischer conceded
- 16 that in his opening.
- And in any event, we do not believe that
- 18 Trigen's proposals constitute changes to rate
- 19 structure. But as I said, we were not a signatory to
- 20 that regulatory plan and stip anyway.
- 21 Trigen's witness, Joseph A. Herz, who
- 22 has prefiled testimony is here today to sponsor that
- 23 testimony and take any questions you may have. Thank
- 24 you.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Keevil, thank you.

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1 Anything further before we move on to Mr. Rush?
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- 2 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: If you'd come forward,
- 4 Mr. Rush. And you are still under oath.
- 5 Mr. Fischer, anything before he stands cross?
- 6 MR. FISCHER: Judge, I don't think so,
- 7 but this will be the last time that Mr. Rush is on
- 8 the witness stand in this case, so I would therefore
- 9 offer his prefiled testimony at this time which is
- 10 Exhibit Nos. 19 NP, 20 NP and 21 NP.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Exhibits 19, 20 and 21
- 12 are offered. Any objections?
- 13 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Hearing none, Exhibits
- 15 19, 20 and 21 are admitted.
- 16 (EXHIBIT NOS. 19 NP, 20 NP AND 21 NP
- 17 WERE RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THE
- 18 RECORD.)
- 19 MR. FISCHER: I would tender the
- 20 witness.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Fischer, thank you.
- 22 Will Staff have cross?
- 23 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Trigen?
- MR. KEEVIL: Yes.

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JUDGE PRIDGIN: When you're ready,
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- 2 Mr. Keevil.
- 3 MR. KEEVIL: Well, I'm the only one?
- 4 Good.
- 5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I'm sorry. No, no. Any
- 6 others?
- 7 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Thank you.
- 9 MR. KEEVIL: Am I the only one?
- 10 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, sir.
- 11 MR. KEEVIL: All right. Do I win
- 12 something for that? I apologize. I wasn't -- wasn't
- 13 prepared to go that quickly.
- 14 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. KEEVIL:
- Q. Well, let's start out with some easy
- 16 questions here, Mr. Rush, and see if we can't find
- 17 some common ground that we agree on. In KCPL's
- 18 tariffs, how is the winter season defined?
- 19 A. It's basically the eight winter months.
- 20 In essence, I think it starts September 15th through
- 21 I think it's June 15th. I'm not -- if you want me to
- 22 be specific to that, I mean, it's eight --
- 23 Q. Actually, what I was --
- 24 A. -- it's eight summer [sic] months and
- 25 then you have a summer period that's four summer

- 1 months.
- 2 Q. So it was in the winter --
- 3 A. It's right in the middle of the month.
- 4 Q. I'm sorry. The winter is eight months?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And summer's four?
- 7 A. Right.
- 8 Q. Okay. Now, based on what I heard
- 9 Mr. Fisher say in his opening, I assume you would
- 10 agree that Trigen was not a signatory to the
- 11 regulatory plan's stipulation; is that correct?
- 12 A. They were not. They were a participant
- 13 in the regulatory -- the discussions regarding that,
- 14 and in essence didn't oppose it, and ...
- 15 Q. They were a party to the case, but they
- weren't a signatory to the stip, correct?
- 17 A. Yes, but they were also a significant
- 18 participant in the negotiations associated with the
- 19 rate design that was concluded there, and they did
- 20 not oppose that.
- 21 Q. Would you also agree that Trigen was not
- 22 a signatory to the rate design stipulation in KCPL's
- 23 last rate case just last year?
- 24 A. Again, the same thing. They were a
- 25 participant involved -- you're talking about the rate

- 1 case that we just concluded --
- 2 Q. Right.
- 3 A. -- where they had a 5 percent increase
- 4 to the space-heating classes. They were a
- 5 significant participant in all of the discussions,
- 6 but did not sign the agreement and did not oppose it.
- 7 What they elected to do is take their particular
- 8 issue -- additional issues to -- before the
- 9 Commission.
- 10 Q. Which I believe was specifically
- 11 provided for in the rate design stipulation?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Okay. If I could have you turn to your
- 14 rebuttal testimony.
- 15 A. All right.
- 16 Q. I believe page 10. You refer there to
- 17 Case No. E0-94-199 which I believe was the rate
- 18 design case from the mid '90s; is that correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And you state that -- beginning on
- 21 line 12 of page 10 of your rebuttal, you state that,
- 22 "Trigen agreed to support and endorse the results of
- 23 Case EO-94-199 including any basis offered in the
- 24 establishment of the all-electric and separately
- 25 metered space-heating tariffs within the general

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1 service classes," correct, that's what you said?
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- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And you have attached to that testimony
- 4 an exhibit -- or excuse me, a schedule -- schedule
- 5 TMR-4 which is your -- which you represent to be
- 6 Trigen's indication that it would support that
- 7 stipulation, correct?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. Would you take a look at your
- 10 schedule TMR-4 and tell me where in that letter it
- 11 states that Trigen agrees to support and endorse any
- 12 basis offered in the establishment of the
- 13 all-electric and separately metered space-heating
- 14 tariffs within the general service classes?
- 15 A. Okay. Under item No. 7, it says, "In
- 16 consideration of the above-discussed agreement,
- 17 Trigen and Kansas City agrees to immediately withdraw
- 18 its request for rehear" -- for -- pardon me, "for
- 19 hearing filed in Case No. EO-94-199, and agrees to
- 20 support and endorse before the Commission the
- 21 stipulation/agreement filed by the signatory parties
- 22 on May 28th, 1996."
- 23 That -- that stipulation/agreement
- 24 contained all the elements that you just described
- 25 associated with the -- the small general service,

- 1 medium general service, large general service
- 2 space-heating rates.
- 3 Q. But that letter there does not -- which
- 4 is Trigen's agreement according to your testimony,
- 5 that makes no reference to the bases offered in the
- 6 establishment of those rates, does it, sir?
- 7 A. I don't think any of it does. It's -- I
- 8 think that it all sets a foundation to establish the
- 9 support for the stipulation/agreement which contains
- 10 those elements.
- 11 (EXHIBIT NO. 704 WAS MARKED FOR
- 12 IDENTIFICATION BY THE COURT REPORTER.)
- 13 BY MR. KEEVIL:
- 14 Q. Mr. Rush, I've handed you a copy of
- 15 what's been marked as Exhibit 704. Do you recognize
- 16 that to be a copy of the Stipulation & Agreement in
- 17 Case EO-94-199?
- 18 A. I recognize it as a component of the
- 19 Stipulation & Agreement in the overall case. It
- 20 appears that there are a number of other sections
- 21 that are associated with this, including
- 22 appendices -- appendices F and G which contain the
- 23 rates as set out in paragraph C. There are a number
- 24 of other components to this, appendix D and
- 25 et cetera. So my guess is this is a piece of it.

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1 Q. Well, the appendix F you referred to was
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- 2 the -- simply the sample tariff sheets proposed as a
- 3 result of the stip, right?
- 4 A. That's what it says.
- 5 MR. KEEVIL: Judge, I would offer
- 6 Exhibit 704.
- 7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: 704 is offered.
- 8 Objections?
- 9 MR. FISCHER: Judge, I don't have any --
- 10 I don't have any objection to the offering of this.
- 11 However, I would ask the Commission to take
- 12 administrative notice of the entire Stipulation &
- 13 Agreement which includes all of the appendices,
- 14 including the specific rates and appendices F and G.
- 15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. If there's
- 16 no objection, I'll simply admit the portion of 7 --
- 17 or Exhibit 704, and the Commission will take
- 18 administrative notice, and correct me if I misspeak,
- 19 Mr. Fischer, but the entire Stipulation & Agreement?
- MR. FISCHER: Yes.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right.
- MR. KEEVIL: I have no objection to
- 23 that, Judge, but I would ask, would -- do you plan,
- 24 then, to have -- I don't honestly have with me today
- 25 those appendices. I'm not even sure I have them

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1 readily available back in my office. Was Mr. Fischer
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- 2 planning -- will they be put into the record, I
- 3 guess, is where I'm going?
- 4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And Mr. Fischer, I don't
- 5 know what -- what your preference is. I mean, the
- 6 Commission can certainly take notice of any of its
- 7 own cases, so I don't necessarily have to have --
- 8 MR. KEEVIL: Okay.
- 9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: -- a party supplement
- 10 that --
- MR. KEEVIL: Okay.
- 12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: -- but you're certainly
- 13 welcome to.
- MR. KEEVIL: That's -- that's fine.
- 15 You're just going to take notice and leave it at
- 16 that. Okay.
- 17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, sir.
- MR. KEEVIL: That's fine.
- 19 BY MR. KEEVIL:
- 20 Q. And Mr. Rush, staying in your rebuttal
- 21 testimony, for example, at the bottom of page 11 you
- 22 are referring to KCPL's recommendation regarding the
- 23 preparation and filing of a class cost of service
- 24 study; is that correct?
- 25 A. Well, I'm -- I'm responding to a point

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1 made by Trigen, and KCPL's response to that point, if
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- 2 you're talking about starting in line 17 down to the
- 3 bottom of the page. Is that --
- 4 Q. Well, actually -- actually, I was --
- 5 A. Where are you talking about?
- 6 Q. Yeah, beginning on line 20 --
- 7 A. All right.
- 8 Q. -- you state that, "The company," who I
- 9 assumed is KCPL, "recommends that a study similar to
- 10 that recommended by Trigen be performed after the
- 11 last rate case in the regulatory plan when Iatan 2 is
- 12 placed into rates," correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. Now, I'm a little unclear as to
- 15 exactly when your recommendation would result in a
- 16 study, and I was here yesterday and heard you
- 17 testify. Are you -- the way I read that testimony,
- 18 the way I understand that testimony, you're saying
- 19 that it would not be done in the Iatan 2 rate case or
- 20 the rate case four under the regulatory plan, but it
- 21 would be done sometime after that rate case; is that
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. It can be done in -- either during the
- 24 case in which rates are being addressed for Iatan 2.
- 25 However -- or -- or afterwards. However, I believe

- during the -- there's been numerous references
- 2 throughout this case and others that it would
- 3 probably be -- it would probably be more practical to
- 4 have it immediately following the Iatan 2 rate
- 5 implementation, and that we address it.
- And Iatan is the foundation for that
- 7 cost of service study and rate design. And so we
- 8 would use the cost of service and the revenue
- 9 requirements associated with the Iatan 2 case as a
- 10 basis for it. And it was even discussed by
- 11 Mr. Watkins this morning.
- 12 So I would -- I would see today that
- 13 that would probably be a preference. We've agreed
- 14 not to do an updated cost of service for rate
- 15 structure changes, at least -- even in this case and
- 16 as well as in the next case in the
- 17 stipulation/agreement that we entered into the
- 18 regulatory plan, so it's minimally gonna have to
- 19 be -- or it cannot be sooner in my mind than the
- 20 Iatan 2 case. More practical, it would be
- 21 afterwards.
- 22 Q. So if the Commission were to order you
- 23 to do one sooner, you couldn't do one sooner?
- A. We would have to -- I -- I'm not sure
- 25 how you address when you have an agreement not to do

- 1 something in order to do it. I suspect we would be
- 2 able to do it some way. I'm not sure how that would
- 3 happen.
- 4 Q. Well, going -- going back to your, as I
- 5 understand it, recommendation, it would be done after
- 6 the Iatan -- now, you and I have been referring to
- 7 this Iatan 2 rate case. That would be rate case four
- 8 under your regulatory plan; is that correct?
- 9 A. It's often referred to that, yes.
- 10 Q. Right. When would that rate case four
- 11 under your regulatory plan be filed or when will it
- 12 be filed?
- 13 A. Well, it will be filed to reflect the
- 14 in-service of Iatan 2. It's probably going to be
- 15 filed in 2009 associated with -- to reflect probably
- 16 rates going into effect sometime in September. I'm
- 17 not sure of the exact timing of that, so it might be
- 18 October of -- it's adjustable, but it's associated
- 19 with in-service of Iatan 2. Probably 2009 late we
- 20 would file it to take rates to become effective in
- 21 2010.
- 22 Q. So if you filed it in late 2009, then
- 23 you'd have it -- if the rate case took the length of
- 24 time it normally takes, you're looking at 11 months
- 25 basically from the filing --

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1 A. That's correct.
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- 2 Q. -- until your rates would be affected,
- 3 correct?
- 4 A. Right.
- 5 Q. So then you're looking at late 2010?
- 6 A. Sometime in like September, October
- 7 2010.
- 8 Q. For the rate case --
- 9 A. Right.
- 10 Q. -- for it to be concluded?
- 11 A. That's right.
- 12 Q. Okay. So then after September or
- 13 October 2010, it would be your recommendation -- your
- 14 current position that the rate design case to address
- 15 the cost of service study would be filed; is that
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. I mean, I guess that would be correct.
- 18 It's initiated and --
- 19 Q. Right. It's initiated, okay. Yeah, I
- 20 can use that term.
- 21 A. -- is a -- is a filing that's often
- 22 required.
- 23 Q. So the initiation of that case would not
- 24 be until late 2010. And would you agree that those
- 25 rate design cases normally take a fairly substantial

- 1 length of time?
- 2 A. I have seen that, yes, but I -- our last
- 3 rate design case was done within an 11-month period.
- 4 Q. Okay. Within 11 --
- 5 A. I mean, it was actually done in a -- in
- 6 a case and we just completed that.
- 7 Q. So if it's filed or initiated in late
- 8 2010, it would be late 2011 before any results from
- 9 that rate design case would be implemented, correct?
- 10 A. Well, there's really no time frame
- 11 associated with a rate design case, so --
- 12 Q. Could be later?
- 13 A. Could be sooner.
- 14 Q. You believe that to be likely? You said
- your last one was done in 11 months, correct?
- 16 A. Well, you know, in a practical matter,
- 17 if you look at the implementation of the Iatan rate
- 18 case and the rates associated, you have most of the
- 19 foundational work already done for a rate design
- 20 case. All you have to do now is, is -- is how you're
- 21 going to address those things. It could happen quite
- 22 reasonably on a very fast pace after that.
- 23 But again, it's really according to, you
- 24 know, the parties and their involvement and what
- 25 you're trying to accomplish in a rate design case.

- 1 The one that we concluded in 1996 was extensive. It
- 2 was an incredible process of consolidation of rates
- 3 and just an overall process, reevaluation of our
- 4 whole rate structure. That's probably why it took so
- 5 long.
- 6 Q. How long -- how long did that one take?
- 7 A. I believe it took over two years to
- 8 complete. But it was extensive and it resulted in
- 9 significant work by both the Staff which was -- they
- 10 did an incredible amount of work, as well as the
- 11 company.
- 12 Q. So once those cases are initiated, it's
- 13 really not within the control of the company to --
- 14 well, I mean, I guess you could have an effect on it,
- 15 but the case could develop into a major undertaking,
- 16 could it not, completely outside --
- 17 A. Sure, absolutely.
- 18 Q. -- of your control?
- 19 A. Oh, absolutely.
- 20 Q. So we're probably talking about best
- 21 case scenario, the results of that case would not be
- 22 implemented until sometime mid, late 2007, are we
- 23 not?
- A. As I said, I don't -- I don't have any
- 25 idea of that. I mean, our last rate design case, we

- 1 actually did a class cost of service rate design. In
- 2 the last case that just concluded, it took 11 months
- 3 to do that.
- 4 However, I was just using an example of
- 5 the prior one where we did extensive significant
- 6 modifications, and it took quite a long period of
- 7 time. So, you know, it could take a much shorter
- 8 period of time. I just do not know.
- 9 Q. Okay. Would you agree, Mr. Rush, that
- 10 Trigen's proposals in this case of all the Trigen's
- 11 proposals in this case, Trigen is not proposing an
- 12 interclass revenue shift?
- 13 A. I wouldn't -- wouldn't agree with that.
- 14 Q. You would not?
- 15 A. No, I would not.
- 16 Q. Okay. Can you point me to the Trigen
- 17 proposal that proposes an interclass revenue shift?
- 18 A. Any time that you recommend increasing
- 19 rates to a specific rate category different than
- 20 another rate category, then options for shifting
- 21 within classes can occur.
- 22 O. I didn't --
- 23 A. So for example --
- Q. I didn't ask you about within classes.
- 25 I'm asking about --

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1 A. I'll try to -- I'm trying to answer
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- 2 that. So, for example, if -- within the medium
- 3 general service class -- I'll use an example. In the
- 4 medium general service class, if you increase the
- 5 space-heating rate more than the other medium general
- 6 service rates, then that customer will look -- those
- 7 rates that are applied to, because you're talking
- 8 about when you increase a rate to a class more than
- 9 somebody else, you're increasing a real customer's
- 10 rate.
- 11 The customer that that rate is increased
- 12 to will then need to look at his alternatives, and it
- 13 may be better for him to go to the small general
- 14 service rate in that class -- in that category, or it
- 15 may be better for him to go to the large general
- 16 service. It isn't a matter of simply, you know, that
- 17 they -- they have a higher price. You have
- 18 interclass shifts, you have intraclass shifts when
- 19 you do something like this.
- 20 Q. What -- what you're talking about is
- 21 commonly referred to as customer migration, is it
- 22 not?
- 23 A. Yes, it is.
- Q. It's really not the revenue shifts that
- 25 you're talking about, but --

- 1 A. Well, I think any --
- 2 Q. -- customer migration?
- 3 A. I think migration and shifts are
- 4 synonymous.
- 5 Q. I'll have you turn to page 6 of your
- 6 surrebuttal testimony.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. You got there before I did. Page 6 of
- 9 your surrebuttal testimony beginning on line 8 there,
- 10 you refer to the last energy block in the
- 11 all-electric small general service rate --
- 12 A. Uh-huh.
- 13 Q. -- being higher than the corresponding
- 14 small general service rate that is not all-electric.
- 15 A. That's right.
- 16 Q. Then if you -- you go on and say that
- 17 Trigen's proposal would exaggerate and -- would
- 18 exaggerate that, correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. I'm trying to find the proper schedule
- 21 here, Mr. Rush. Bear with me.
- 22 A. That's all right.
- Q. Do you have a copy of Mr. Herz's
- 24 testimony with you?
- 25 A. I do.

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1 Q. If you could turn to, let's see,
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- 2 Mr. Herz's surrebuttal testimony --
- A. All right.
- 4 Q. -- schedule JAH-6.
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. Is it not true that if you look at the
- 7 last energy blocks on that schedule -- by the way,
- 8 the schedule is the small general service
- 9 all-electric rate Trigen proposal; is that correct?
- 10 I'm on -- actually, it's Trigen and Staff but the
- 11 middle column there is Trigen's proposal.
- 12 MR. FISCHER: Counsel, what was the
- 13 number of the schedule again?
- MR. KEEVIL: It's JAH-6.
- MR. FISCHER: 6. Thanks.
- 16 BY MR. KEEVIL:
- 17 Q. If you look at like line 5 of that
- 18 schedule and line 10 of that schedule under the
- 19 column -- what is it, column E, isn't it correct,
- 20 Mr. Rush, that Trigen's proposal would actually
- 21 decrease that tail -- what you referred to as the
- 22 last energy block rate?
- 23 A. I'm sorry. Help -- help me understand
- 24 what you're trying to say.
- Q. Well, in your surrebuttal testimony you

- 1 say that Trigen's proposal would exaggerate the fact
- 2 that the last energy block in the all-electric small
- 3 general service rate is higher than the corresponding
- 4 small general service rate, correct? And on this
- 5 schedule, JAH-6, line 5 and line 10, column E, show
- 6 that Trigen's proposal would, in fact, reduce the
- 7 last energy block rate, thereby certainly not
- 8 exacerbating or exaggerating what you referred to as
- 9 the problem. Would you agree with that?
- 10 A. Well, I see that schedule. I'm trying
- 11 to understand how their implementation recommendation
- 12 addresses that. I -- if you could point me in
- 13 their -- in Trigen's testimony to what you're -- how
- 14 they derive those numbers, that would help me.
- 15 Q. Well, do you -- do you agree that
- 16 Mr. Herz's testimony was to reduce the difference by
- 17 one-third?
- 18 A. I do, yes.
- 19 Q. So if the tail block -- the last energy
- 20 block is currently higher to reduce the difference by
- 21 one-third, you would actually increase -- excuse me,
- 22 decrease that rate by a third, would you not?
- 23 A. I think I would agree. Yes, I would
- 24 agree with that point.
- 25 Q. Okay. So Trigen's proposal would, in

- 1 fact, not exaggerate the last energy block rate in
- 2 the all-electric tariffs being higher than the last
- 3 energy block in the standard tariff, would it?
- 4 A. If that's how you would interpret it, I
- 5 would agree. I mean, if that's how the rate
- 6 implementation would be addressed, I would agree.
- 7 Q. Okay. Could I have you turn to your --
- 8 still in your surrebuttal, bottom of page 7,
- 9 continuing on to page 8, you state that you disagree
- 10 with Mr. Herz when he makes the representation that
- 11 KCPL's across-the-board equal percentage increase
- 12 will increase the size of the discount, do you not?
- 13 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. And over on page 8 beginning on line 5,
- do you say you disagree with his analysis and you
- 16 refer to schedule JAH-1 through JAH-4 attached to his
- 17 rebuttal testimony, correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. Well, let's look at -- well,
- 20 let's look at JAH-3. Now, do you understand,
- 21 Mr. Rush, on J -- schedule JAH-3, column G represents
- 22 the difference between the current all-electric rate
- 23 and the KCPL proposed equal percentage increase
- 24 all-electric rate, correct?
- 25 A. Say that again. You're saying that the

- 1 amount in G which is represented by the columns F
- 2 minus C, that's what you're talking about here?
- Yeah.
- A. And you're saying that that represents
- 5 the -- what, the numeric difference in the price per
- 6 kilowatt hour --
- 7 Q. It would be the numeric --
- 8 A. -- between the two?
- 9 Q. Yes, between the two.
- 10 A. I won't disagree, sure.
- 11 Q. Okay. And then -- so the column H,
- 12 then, is the percentage --
- 13 A. Right.
- Q. -- represented by column G, correct?
- 15 A. Uh-huh, yes.
- 16 Q. So that column H refers to the
- 17 percentage increase in -- between the current and the
- 18 proposed discounts, correct?
- 19 A. I believe that percentage is the
- 20 application of an 8.3 percent increase to each one of
- 21 those rate components.
- Q. Well, the top of column H explains how
- 23 it was derived, I believe, Mr. Rush, if you want to
- 24 look at that.
- 25 A. It just says "percentage." You mean

- 1 above that?
- 2 Q. Yeah, G -- G -- G divided by C.
- A. Yeah, I would agree with that.
- Q. Okay. So when you say on the -- in your
- 5 surrebuttal testimony, page 8, that column H
- 6 represents the overall increase proposed for the
- 7 all-electric rates are in the range of 8.3 percent,
- 8 referring to this schedule, for example --
- 9 A. Uh-huh.
- 10 Q. What -- what these schedules actually
- 11 refer to is the percentage change in the difference
- 12 or in the discount, correct?
- 13 A. Well, it can be applied to either way.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. I mean, you can look at it as -- I mean,
- 16 you'll get the same number if you simply look at the
- 17 percent increase in the base rate or the discounted
- 18 rate. This is simply the application of the
- 19 across-the-board percent increase and what's
- 20 represented by it.
- 21 Q. But the difference between the current
- 22 rates -- or between the rates --
- 23 A. Between the rates.
- Q. -- increases by the amount shown in
- 25 column H?

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1 A. And it showed -- and it should if you
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- 2 apply an equal percent increase to all the
- 3 categories.
- 4 Q. So --
- 5 A. That's right.
- 6 Q. So the -- so the amount of the discount
- 7 is increasing by that amount, correct?
- 8 A. No. The amount of the rate increase is
- 9 increasing by that amount as well as the base rates
- 10 are increasing by that amount.
- 11 Q. And --
- 12 A. All of the rate components are
- 13 increasing by 8.3 percent, and then that is rounded.
- 14 So you're not creating an exaggeration by any means
- 15 unless you want to -- I mean, make some
- 16 application -- application I'm talking about per
- 17 units. But this percentage difference is always the
- 18 same.
- 19 Q. But do you agree that the columns G and
- 20 H of schedule JAH-3 are in reference to the
- 21 difference between the rates and not the rates
- 22 themselves?
- 23 A. Well, I think that it's represented by
- 24 there, but I also think you can get -- you'll get the
- 25 same number if you look at the base rate increase as

- 1 well as the space-heating rate -- or the electric
- 2 heating rate increase.
- 3 MR. KEEVIL: If I could have just a
- 4 second, Judge?
- 5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Absolutely.
- 6 BY MR. KEEVIL:
- 7 Q. Mr. Rush, I -- I guess the schedule will
- 8 just have to factually show what it shows and we can
- 9 disagree about that.
- 10 A. That would -- yeah.
- 11 Q. Argue about that later.
- 12 A. Sure.
- 13 MR. KEEVIL: I have nothing further,
- 14 Judge.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Keevil, thank you.
- 16 Bench questions?
- 17 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: No questions.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Redirect?
- MR. FISCHER: Just briefly.
- 20 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. FISCHER:
- 21 Q. Mr. Rush, you indicated in answer to
- 22 counsel that from your perspective, migration was the
- 23 same as a customer -- a class shift?
- 24 A. That's correct.
- Q. Would you explain why that's true from

- 1 KCPL's perspective?
- 2 A. When you do a rate structure change as
- 3 recommended by -- by Trigen, you're going to alter
- 4 the bill of one particular group of customers in
- 5 comparison to other customers. And when you do that,
- 6 then you have the impact of customers now needing to
- 7 evaluate the rate that they're on compared to other
- 8 rate alternatives.
- 9 And so you'll often have, you know,
- 10 customers that move within classes. It's -- it's
- 11 like any other way. When you make a modification
- 12 different than a percent increase, for example, as
- 13 what we're proposing in this case, you're going to
- 14 alter where customers will fit in the categories of
- 15 particular classes of customers as well as the rate
- 16 schedules that they qualify for.
- 17 When you change the qualifications, as
- 18 Trigen is recommending, for example, in one of their
- 19 recommendations, you do the same thing of altering,
- 20 you know, where they might fit within a class or even
- 21 external to that class.
- 22 Q. Would that same phenomenon happen if you
- 23 adopted a proposal that would raise residential rates
- 24 and lower other classes' rates by a different
- 25 percentage?

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1 A. Absolutely, yes. Now, in -- if you --
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- 2 MS. KLIETHERMES: I'm gonna object as
- 3 exceeding the scope of the issue at hand.
- 4 MR. KEEVIL: And exceeding the scope of
- 5 cross.
- 6 MR. FISCHER: Your Honor, I -- I'm
- 7 following up on the -- the definition where he
- 8 referred to migration as the same as customer shifts,
- 9 and I'm just following that up.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: I'll overrule.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Okay. I -- I mean, I
- 12 think I answered that yes.
- 13 BY MR. FISCHER:
- 14 Q. I believe you did. You also mentioned
- 15 in your testimony in answer to counsel, you pointed
- 16 out that -- on -- I think he asked you about page 6
- 17 of your surrebuttal where you discussed the fact that
- 18 the last energy block of the all-electric rate was
- 19 higher than the corresponding small general service
- 20 rate?
- 21 A. Right.
- Q. Why is that a concern?
- 23 A. Well, for example, what typically
- 24 customers look at in rates in evaluating that is, you
- 25 know, where are they gonna be on an incremental

- 1 basis. And what they often look at is, you'll have
- 2 an inconsistency where you'll have a space-heating
- 3 rate or an electric heating rate different than a
- 4 general service. And when that tail block is higher,
- 5 that will cause confusion with a customer and it gets
- 6 things out of sync.
- 7 Now, KCPL's rate design is based on
- 8 end-use rates where we have, as he talks about, these
- 9 discounted rates. I don't characterize them as
- 10 discounted but we have different categories. If you
- 11 look at other utilities, they have different means of
- 12 addressing electric heat. May come up with the same
- 13 price, the same evaluation, but different. When you
- 14 alter that tail block, it will cause confusion for
- 15 the customer.
- 16 MR. FISCHER: That's all I have. Thank
- 17 you, your Honor.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Fischer, thank you.
- 19 Mr. Rush, thank you very much.
- 20 And I show Mr. Watkins as the next
- 21 witness. And I'm just curious if I could get
- 22 counsels' estimation, I guess, on how much
- 23 cross-examination they would think they would have
- 24 for Mr. Watkins and Mr. Herz. I'm doing that simply
- 25 to try to determine whether to break for lunch now or

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1 a little later or -- or to go ahead. As far as
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- 2 Mr. Watkins, what kind of cross-examination would
- 3 counsel ...
- 4 MR. KEEVIL: Mine will be very brief,
- 5 your Honor.
- 6 MR. BRUDER: None at all, sir.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Fischer?
- 8 MR. FISCHER: Five or ten minutes.
- 9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. And as far as
- 10 Mr. Herz?
- 11 MR. FISCHER: That may be a while.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Then let's go ahead --
- 13 well, let's -- let's at least go ahead and do
- 14 Mr. Watkins and we'll go from there.
- MS. KLIETHERMES: As this will be
- 16 Mr. Watkins' last appearance at the stand, I'd like
- 17 to tender -- or offer his direct testimony, Staff
- 18 Exhibit 116, his rebuttal as 117, surrebuttal was 118
- 19 and the Staff's class cost of service and rate design
- 20 report that he sponsored to Staff, 103.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Exhibits 116,
- 22 117, 118 and 103 are all offered. Any objections?
- MR. MILLS: I have -- I have no
- 24 objections to 116, 117, 118. I do have objections --
- 25 objections to Exhibit 103.

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1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. I'm sorry. Any
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- 2 other objections?
- 3 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Your exhibits --
- 5 excuse me, your objections to 103?
- 6 MR. MILLS: With respect to Exhibit 103,
- 7 and -- well, may I voir dire the witness to establish
- 8 one point?
- 9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: You may, and he's under
- 10 oath, so that's fine.
- 11 VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION BY MR. MILLS:
- 12 Q. Mr. Watkins, did you author Exhibit 103?
- 13 A. No, I did not author it.
- 14 MR. MILLS: Okay. With respect to
- 15 Exhibit 103, it was filed at the time that direct
- 16 testimony was filed. In this case the Staff did not
- 17 ask for a waiver of the rules that cover the filing
- 18 of direct testimony, which is 4 CSR 2.130,
- 19 specifically section 6 which requires that, "Prepared
- 20 testimony shall be filed separately and shall be
- 21 accompanied by an affidavit providing the witness's
- 22 oath."
- 23 The Staff report on cost of service is
- 24 anonymous. It does not attribute itself to any
- 25 particular author, much less being accompanied by an

1 affidavit under oath. So it does not comply with the

- 2 Commission's rules.
- 3 Furthermore, in the Commission's
- 4 scheduling order in this case issued on April 5th,
- 5 the Commission ordered that -- "The Commission will
- 6 require the prefiling of testimony as defined in
- 7 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties shall comply with this
- 8 rule, including the requirement that testimony be
- 9 on -- filed on line-numbered pages. The practice of
- 10 prefiling testimony is designed to give parties
- 11 notice of the claims, contention of evidence and
- 12 issues and to avoid unnecessary objections, delays
- 13 caused by allegations and unfair surprise at the
- 14 hearing." The Staff did not ask for a waiver of
- 15 that -- of that order either.
- With respect to the report itself, the
- 17 Staff filed with it a pleading that laid out several
- 18 points as to why the Staff filed a report as opposed
- 19 to testimony, and those are that the Commission began
- 20 the practice of requiring executive testimonies and
- 21 testimony, requiring prehearing briefs and limiting
- 22 post-hearing briefs to matters the party did not
- 23 address in its prehearing briefs.
- None of those factors are present in
- 25 this case, and those are apparently that the

1 justification for filing this as a report as opposed

- 2 to sworn testimony.
- 3 Because it doesn't comply with the
- 4 Commission's orders, rules and there doesn't appear
- 5 to be any valid reason in this case to do it that
- 6 way, I object to its admission into evidence in this
- 7 case because it is an anonymous and unsupported
- 8 report. Mr. Watkins cannot authenticate it because
- 9 he didn't author it, and for those reasons I object
- 10 to its admission.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Mills, thank you.
- 12 Ms. Kliethermes or Mr. Williams?
- MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, Staff witness
- 14 Wells is the one that sponsored the report and
- 15 he's -- as an expert, he's entitled to rely on the
- 16 work product of other witnesses, and that's what --
- or other experts, and that's what he's done with the
- 18 Staff report. And that Staff report reflects that
- 19 work product that he relied upon.
- MR. MILLS: And where is Mr. Wells in
- 21 all this?
- MR. WILLIAMS: He has prefiled
- 23 testimony --
- MR. MILLS: Okay.
- 25 MR. WILLIAMS: -- in question-and-answer

- 1 format.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Exhibits
- 3 116, 117, 118 are admitted.
- 4 (EXHIBIT NOS. 116, 117 AND 118 WERE
- 5 RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THE
- 6 RECORD.)
- 7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Objections to Exhibit
- 8 103 are overruled. The exhibits -- or excuse me,
- 9 Exhibit 103 is admitted.
- 10 (EXHIBIT NO. 103 WAS RECEIVED INTO
- 11 EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD.)
- 12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Anything further before
- 13 Mr. Watkins takes cross-examination?
- 14 MR. MILLS: Your Honor, given that, can
- 15 we call Mr. Wells that I may question him about this
- 16 report? He's never been on the stand in this case
- 17 and I've never had opportunity -- this is the first
- 18 time I've learned that Mr. Wells had anything to do
- 19 with this report, and I $\operatorname{--}$ and I $\operatorname{--}$ I would like to
- 20 cross-examine him with respect to that.
- 21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Williams or
- 22 Ms. Kliethermes?
- MR. WILLIAMS: Hold on a minute, Judge.
- 24 Can we take a break?
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: How much time do you

- 1 need?
- 2 MR. WILLIAMS: I may have misidentified
- 3 who the witness was who sponsored this report.
- 4 That's why I want to check.
- 5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Do you know how
- 6 much time you need?
- 7 MR. WILLIAMS: Five minutes, I think.
- 8 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. We'll go
- 9 off --
- 10 MR. MILLS: And Judge, before we go off
- 11 the record --
- 12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yeah.
- 13 MR. MILLS: -- I think that kind of
- 14 highlights my point. If Staff doesn't know who
- 15 offered this exhibit, how -- how can we admit it into
- 16 the record and expect the Commission to rely on it?
- 17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I understand. I mean,
- 18 Mr. Williams has asked for a recess. We'll take --
- 19 we'll take five minutes.
- 20 (A RECESS WAS TAKEN.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. We're back
- 22 on the record. I'm sorry. Mr. Williams, you asked
- 23 for a brief recess. Are you ready to resume?
- 24 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Judge. I spoke
- 25 incorrectly earlier. Mr. Wells provided testimony

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1 regarding revenues in support of the Staff's cost of
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- 2 service report which is separate from the Staff's
- 3 class cost of -- service and rate design report.
- 4 As reflected on page 2 of Mr. Watkins'
- 5 direct testimony, that report was prepared by Janice
- 6 Pyatte, and Mr. Watkins relied upon her work product
- 7 in his testimony.
- 8 And he's also the sponsor of the report
- 9 in the sense that he's entitled as an expert to rely
- 10 on the work product of other experts in forming his
- 11 opinions and presenting them. And, of course, his
- 12 testimony is presented in question-and-answer format
- in accordance with the Commission's rules.
- 14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right.
- MR. MILLS: Well, Judge --
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Mills?
- 17 MR. MILLS: -- you've already overruled
- 18 my objection, but in response to what Mr. Williams
- 19 just said, he may be entitled to rely on other
- 20 experts' opinions in forming his opinion; that does
- 21 not mean that their anonymous opinions are admissible
- 22 into the record without affidavit and without oath in
- 23 conformance with the Commission's rules. Whether or
- 24 not he can rely on them is one question; whether or
- 25 not they're admissible without any -- any --

- 1 ascribing any authority to them or being filed in
- 2 conformance with the Commission's rules is another
- 3 question.
- 4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I understand what you're
- 5 saying and I think I already ruled, but Mr. Williams,
- 6 did you have any -- any reply?
- 7 MR. WILLIAMS: Well, one, Ms. Pyatte is
- 8 available for any questions that any of the attorneys
- 9 may have, and whenever you made your ruling, I had
- 10 incorrectly stated that Mr. Wells was the sponsor to
- 11 the report, so I ...
- MR. KEEVIL: Judge, if I could jump in
- 13 here at the risk of --
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Sure.
- MR. KEEVIL: -- getting in here where I
- 16 don't want to. Mr. Mills cross-examined Ms. Pyatte
- 17 concerning that report when she was on the stand,
- 18 so for whatever bearing that may have --
- 19 MR. MILLS: Actually, I don't believe I
- 20 ever referred to that report.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Well, I'll tell you
- 22 what. I mean, I think I've already overruled the
- 23 objection and admitted it into evidence, but
- 24 Mr. Mills, if you do want to cross Ms. Pyatte on that
- 25 report, I'll certainly give you the opportunity to do

- 1 that.
- 2 MR. MILLS: If it's already been
- 3 admitted, I don't see the point.
- 4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right.
- 5 MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, I just wanted to
- 6 make -- make it clear when you made that ruling, I
- 7 had misstated that it was Mr. Wells --
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, sir.
- 9 MR. WILLIAMS: -- who was sponsoring the
- 10 report.
- 11 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And it was actually
- 12 Ms. Pyatte.
- MR. WILLIAMS: Correct.
- 14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right.
- MR. WILLIAMS: Well, Mr. Watkins.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: And Mr. Watkins was --
- 17 yes, I understand what you're saying. I'm sorry.
- 18 MR. MILLS: I'm sorry. I don't
- 19 understand what he was saying. Can I have a
- 20 clarification of that last point?
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes.
- MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Watkins is the one
- 23 who relied upon the report that was prepared by
- 24 Ms. Pyatte, and both he and Ms. Pyatte are -- are
- 25 sponsoring the report. Now, Ms. Pyatte is the one

- 1 that prepared it. Does that clarify it sufficiently?
- 2 MR. MILLS: So we have this report
- 3 sponsored by two witnesses?
- 4 MR. WILLIAMS: In the sense that
- 5 Mr. Watkins relied upon the information in the report
- 6 in forming his opinions, yes.
- 7 MR. MILLS: Okay.
- 8 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Anything further before
- 9 Mr. Watkins stands cross?
- 10 MR. BRUDER: Yeah, if I may, your Honor,
- 11 let me offer now DOE Exhibits 805 -- 804, 805 and
- 12 806. That's Mr. Price's three testimonies, direct,
- 13 rebuttal and surrebuttal as he will not be
- 14 cross-examined here.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Exhibits
- 16 804, 805 and 806 have been offered. Any objections?
- 17 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 18 JUDGE PRIDGIN: 804, 805, 806 are
- 19 admitted.
- 20 (EXHIBIT NOS. 804, 805 AND 806 WERE
- 21 RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THE
- 22 RECORD.)
- MR. BRUDER: Thank you.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: You're welcome. All
- 25 right. Anything further before Mr. Watkins stands

- 1 cross?
- 2 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Any questions?
- 4 Cross-examination. Anyone? Mr. Keevil. Anyone
- 5 else? I'm sorry. Mr. Fischer -- bear with me,
- 6 sorry. Mr. Keevil, I'm sorry. When you're ready.
- 7 MR. KEEVIL: Thank you, Judge.
- 8 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. KEEVIL:
- 9 Q. Mr. Watkins, I'm -- I'm just -- I have a
- 10 quick -- what I think is a clarifying question
- 11 because I'm not sure from reading your testimony
- 12 exactly what your testimony is on a certain point.
- 13 If I could have you turn to your
- 14 rebuttal testimony at page 5.
- 15 A. I'm on 5.
- 16 Q. Beginning on line 10, about two-thirds
- of the way through line 10, you began the sentence
- 18 that, "None of any reduction in revenue
- 19 responsibility for the medium general service (MGS)
- 20 rate class should be applied to these separately
- 21 metered space-heating rates." Do you see that, sir?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Now, my understanding is that
- 24 Staff has proposed a reduction in revenue
- 25 responsibility for the medium general service rate

- 1 class and that DOE has proposed reduction in revenue
- 2 responsibility for not only the medium general
- 3 service rate class but the small general service and
- 4 large general service rate classes as well. Is that
- 5 your understanding?
- 6 A. Yes.
- Q. And I realize that you don't agree with
- 8 DOE's proposal, but hypothetically, if the Commission
- 9 were to adopt DOE's proposal regarding the reduction
- 10 in revenue responsibility for all three of those
- 11 general service rate classes, would the statement you
- make there in the middle of page 5 regarding medium
- 13 general service also apply to the small general
- 14 service and large general service rate classes?
- 15 A. That would be my recommendation, yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. And I assume the reason that your
- 17 prefiled testimony was limited to medium was because
- 18 your proposal regarding reduction in revenue
- 19 responsibility is likewise limited to medium; is that
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 MR. KEEVIL: Okay. Thank you. No
- 23 further questions.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Keevil, thank you.
- 25 Further cross? I'm sorry. Mr. Fischer?

- 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. FISCHER:
- Q. Mr. Watkins, just to follow up on a
- 3 couple of questions we had earlier, you've -- I think
- 4 you agreed earlier today that the various electric
- 5 companies in Missouri have different rate structures;
- 6 is that correct?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. And some companies like Kansas City
- 9 Power & Light have end-use rates, for example, which
- 10 would include separately metered space-heating or
- 11 all-electric rates; is that right?
- 12 A. Some do, yes.
- 13 Q. Other companies, perhaps Ameren and
- 14 others, wouldn't necessarily have those same kind of
- 15 end-use rates; is that true?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. Now, if companies don't have end-use
- 18 rates, is it your understanding that they often have
- 19 summer/winter differentials that would have a lower
- 20 rate in the wintertime?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. The electric heating load would be
- 23 expected generally to fall on the lower winter rate?
- A. Lower than the summer, yes.
- 25 Q. Yes. And often it would be in that tail

- 1 block in the winter on most rate schedules?
- 2 A. I'm not sure where it should be, and
- 3 I -- you'd have to look at where that load is
- 4 occurring because typically those -- those blocks
- 5 correspond to time periods. But where it's actually
- 6 accounted for in the rates, as far as I know, has
- 7 always been in the tail block in the winter.
- 8 Q. Okay. The -- would you agree that this
- 9 type of an issue is generally reviewed in a rate
- 10 design or a rate case looking at rate design?
- 11 A. It certainly would -- would be examined
- 12 in a rate design case.
- 13 Q. For example, whether it's appropriate to
- 14 have one type of rate structure or another would be
- 15 looked at in a rate design case?
- 16 A. It would.
- 17 Q. One issue that might be reviewed in a
- 18 rate design case would be whether the rate structure
- 19 should include some type of end-use rates or whether
- 20 usage should be billed under one rate structure for a
- 21 particular class; would you agree with that?
- 22 A. Yes, I would.
- Q. Not all electric companies have the same
- 24 rate structure for the general service class or the
- 25 industrial service class for that matter; is that

- 1 true?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. In rate design cases, the Commission
- 4 might find it appropriate to eliminate end-use rate
- 5 structures and replace that type of rate structure
- 6 with a single rate structure that would apply to all
- 7 usage for a particular class; is that a possibility?
- 8 A. Certainly.
- 9 Q. Would you agree that if the Commission
- 10 decided to eliminate end-use rates and replace them
- 11 with a single rate schedule that applies to all usage
- 12 in that class, that decision would be considered a
- 13 rate structure change?
- 14 A. I would say yes.
- MR. FISCHER: That's all I have. Thank
- 16 you for your patience.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Fischer, thank you.
- 18 Bench questions?
- 19 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Redirect?
- 21 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Watkins, thank you
- 23 very much. You may step down.
- 24 MR. FISCHER: Judge -- Judge, if --
- 25 we've only got one witness left. I'd be happy to try

- 1 to cut the cross and get through it during lunch to
- 2 get through it here if you'd rather. But it's up to
- 3 you, whatever people want to do.
- 4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ask counsels'
- 5 preference. I see it's right at noon. We can go to
- 6 lunch or keep going. It doesn't matter to me.
- 7 MR. FISCHER: I think I probably have
- 8 about 20 minutes or so.
- 9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. There's no
- 10 preference from counsel?
- 11 MR. KEEVIL: I mean, that's fine with
- 12 me. Is he the only one?
- 13 MS. KLIETHERMES: I have a very
- 14 brief ...
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. If it's all
- 16 right, we'll just continue on. If I'm not mistaken,
- 17 Mr. Herz is the last witness on this issue. Do we
- 18 have other issues left?
- 19 MR. FISCHER: Judge, I don't think so.
- 20 I think the amortization's not a contested issue and
- 21 that was the only thing left on the schedule.
- MR. MILLS: I believe there are no
- 23 questions on that issue, although Mr. Trippensee is
- 24 listed as a witness, and so I don't believe that I
- 25 have offered his testimony pending his last

- 1 appearance. If my records are correct, I have not.
- 2 MR. FISCHER: That may be true of KCPL
- 3 witness Cline too. I'll have to check.
- 4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I don't show
- 5 Trippensee's as being offered yet.
- 6 MR. MILLS: Given that there don't
- 7 appear to be any questions on the amortization issue,
- 8 at this time I would like to offer Exhibits 207 and
- 9 208, the direct and rebuttal testimony of Public
- 10 Counsel witness Trippensee.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: 207 and 208 have been
- 12 offered. Any objections?
- 13 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: 207 and 208 are
- 15 admitted.
- 16 (EXHIBIT NOS. 207 AND 208 WERE RECEIVED
- 17 INTO EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: I do show that
- 19 Mr. Cline's prefiled testimony has been offered and
- 20 admitted.
- 21 MR. FISCHER: Thank you, that's great.
- MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, I think we'll take
- 23 them up at a later time, but we're also going to have
- 24 some exhibits to offer, in part because of the
- 25 Stipulation & Agreement.

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1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Thank you.
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- 2 All right. Are we ready to proceed with Mr. Herz,
- 3 then? All right. If you'll take the stand and be
- 4 sworn, please. I'll show that your right hand is
- 5 raised.
- 6 (THE WITNESS WAS SWORN.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you very much,
- 8 sir. If you would please have a seat. Mr. Keevil,
- 9 anything before he stands cross?
- 10 MR. KEEVIL: Very briefly, Judge.
- 11 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. KEEVIL:
- 12 Q. Would you please state your name for the
- 13 record, sir.
- 14 A. My name is Joe Herz.
- 15 Q. Mr. Herz, are you the Joe Herz who has
- 16 prefiled direct, rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony
- 17 which has been premarked as Exhibit Nos. -- and,
- 18 Judge, correct me if I'm wrong -- 701, 702 NP and HC,
- 19 and 703?
- 20 A. Yes, I am.
- Q. Do you have any changes you need to make
- 22 to any of those pieces of testimony?
- 23 A. Yes, I do. I -- I have a correction to
- 24 my direct and my surrebuttal testimony. On my
- 25 direct, Exhibit 701, page 18, line 9, the fourth word

- 1 in should be changed to "differential." The word
- 2 that's there now is differentiated. That should be
- 3 corrected and changed to differential.
- 4 On my surrebuttal testimony, Exhibit
- 5 703, I have a correction to page 2, lines 10 and
- 6 11 [sic]. At the end of line 11 between the words
- 7 space, hyphen, heating and rates, the word
- 8 "discounted" should be inserted. The word rates --
- 9 rate should be made plural, "rates."
- 10 And then on line 12 the word "discounts"
- 11 should be stricken.
- 12 Q. I think you said -- before you started
- 13 there, I think you said lines 10 and 11.
- 14 A. Oh, I'm sorry.
- 15 Q. Did you mean 11 and 12?
- 16 A. 11 and 12, yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. So the question would read, "How
- 18 does MPSC Staff's proposal to increase the general
- 19 service space-heating discounted rates more than the
- 20 associated standard tariff rates compare to your
- 21 proposal?"
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Do you have any other
- 24 corrections?
- 25 A. No, I do not.

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1 MR. KEEVIL: Judge, I think this is
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- 2 Mr. Herz's only time to take the witness stand, so I
- 3 would offer into the record Exhibits 701, 702 NP,
- 4 702 HC and 703.
- 5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Exhibits 701, 702 NP and
- 6 HC and 703 have been offered. Any objections?
- 7 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Hearing none, those
- 9 exhibits are admitted.
- 10 (EXHIBIT NOS. 701, 702 NP, 702 HC AND
- 11 703 WERE RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF
- 12 THE RECORD.)
- MR. KEEVIL: Just to clarify for my own
- 14 records, too, Judge, 704 was also admitted? That was
- 15 my stipulation that I --
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, sir, it was.
- MR. KEEVIL: Okay. Thank you.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: You're welcome.
- MR. KEEVIL: I would tender the witness
- 20 for cross-examination.
- 21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Counsel wish
- 22 cross? Staff? KCPL? Any other counsel?
- 23 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right.
- 25 Ms. Kliethermes?

- 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. KLIETHERMES:
- Q. Good midday, sir. Are you generally
- 3 familiar with Staff's position in this case regarding
- 4 the so-called Trigen issue?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Would Trigen accept the Staff's
- 7 positions regarding the general service all-electric
- 8 tariffs and general service separately metered
- 9 space-heating tariff provisions as a reasonable
- 10 alternative to Trigen's own positions?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And just basic clarification, does the
- 13 Trigen issue involve residential space-heating rates?
- 14 A. Yes -- or I'm sorry. Could you repeat
- 15 the question?
- 16 Q. Does the Trigen issue involve
- 17 residential space-heating rates?
- 18 A. Oh, no, it does not. I'm sorry. Thank
- 19 you.
- 20 Q. Okay. You scared me there. And
- 21 finally, are the terms rate structure and rate design
- 22 synonymous?
- 23 A. I believe that they're different.
- MS. KLIETHERMES: No further questions.
- 25 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you. Mr. Fischer?

- 1 MR. FISCHER: Thank you.
- 2 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. FISCHER:
- 3 Q. Welcome back. It doesn't seem like it's
- 4 been a whole year, but I guess it has. Let's --
- 5 let's go back to a little bit about the 2006 rate
- 6 case. Trigen did not object to the rate design
- 7 stipulation that was adopted by the other parties to
- 8 that rate case; is that right?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. And one of the agreements that was
- 11 contained in the rate design stipulation that was
- 12 approved by the Commission in that 2006 rate case was
- 13 the agreement that the general service space-heating
- 14 and all-electric winter energy rates would be
- 15 increased by 5 percentage points more than the -- the
- 16 general class rate?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. Okay. And Trigen did not object to that
- 19 provision in that rate design settlement; is that
- 20 true?
- 21 A. That's true.
- 22 Q. The Commission ultimately adopted the
- 23 recommendations of KCPL and the other signatories on
- 24 that particular point; is that correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Now, on page 5 of your rebuttal [sic] at
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- 2 lines 10 through 11, you recommend on behalf of
- 3 Trigen that the discounted space-heating rates should
- 4 be increased more than the standard general service
- 5 rates in this and in the next two KCPL rate cases so
- 6 that the discounted rates and standard tariff rates
- 7 reached parity over KCPL's three rate cases; is that
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. Mr. Fischer, I -- did you say page 5 of
- 10 my rebuttal?
- 11 Q. I believe I did. Did I misquote it?
- 12 Maybe it's your surrebuttal. Well, let me ask you,
- 13 is that -- is that your recommendation wherever it's
- 14 found in your testimony?
- 15 MR. KEEVIL: I'm -- I'm going to object
- 16 to the question. What was -- what was the question
- 17 again?
- 18 MR. FISCHER: Okay. My question is, did
- 19 you recommend on behalf of Trigen that the discounted
- 20 space-heating rates should be increased more than the
- 21 standard general service rates in this and the next
- 22 two KCPL rate cases?
- 23 MR. KEEVIL: I guess I'm going to ask --
- 24 have to ask how are you using the term "discounted
- 25 space-heating rates"? Are you referring to both the

- 1 all-electric tariffs and the separately metered
- 2 space-heating tariffs? Because there is a different
- 3 recommendation.
- 4 BY MR. FISCHER:
- 5 Q. Okay. I'm sorry. I'm sorry for the
- 6 confusion. Let's go to your rebuttal testimony -- I
- 7 mean your direct testimony, at page 5, lines 10 and
- 8 11. Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes, I do.
- 10 Q. And there are you recommending on behalf
- 11 of Trigen that the discounted space-heating rates
- 12 should be increased more than the standard general
- 13 service rates in this case -- this and the next two
- 14 KCPL rate cases so that the discounted rates and
- 15 standard tariff rates reach parity over KCPL's three
- 16 rate cases; is that correct?
- 17 A. Yes, that's what I stated in my direct
- 18 testimony. Later in my surrebuttal testimony, after
- 19 seeing Staff's rebuttal testimony, I modified that
- 20 recommendation so that the all-electric general
- 21 service rates would be -- essentially reach parity
- 22 with the standard tariff rates over this rate case
- 23 and the next two, and with respect to the separately
- 24 metered space-heating rates for the general service
- 25 categories.

- 1 Because of the level of the rates now,
- 2 if you add another 10 percent as proposed by Staff,
- 3 that essentially gets to the phase-out. So that
- 4 would be phased out over the next two rate cases,
- 5 this case and the next rate case.
- 6 Q. Okay. So this recommendation in your
- 7 direct is no longer Trigen's recommendation; is that
- 8 true?
- 9 A. It's -- it still is my recommendation
- 10 with respect to the general service all-electric
- 11 rates. It has been modified with respect to the
- 12 general service separately metered space-heating
- 13 rates.
- Q. Okay. Well, is it correct to conclude
- 15 from your statements here and what you've said on the
- 16 stand that you're recommending once again in this
- 17 case that the Commission raise the space-heating and
- 18 the all-electric rates by more than the standard
- 19 general service rates?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. If the Commission had adopted your
- 22 recommendation on that issue, your client Trigen
- 23 would be in a better competitive position to compete
- 24 with KCPL for winter heating load; is that true?
- 25 A. Probably so.

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1 Q. Ultimately, Trigen would like to have
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- 2 the Commission, if I understand your testimony, to
- 3 eventually just eliminate the space-heating and the
- 4 all-electric rates for KCPL; is that correct?
- 5 A. I would -- I would suspect so, but the
- 6 basis for my recommendation isn't based on -- on
- 7 that. The basis for my recommendation is whether or
- 8 not there can be a basis that supports charging
- 9 different rates for similarly situated customers
- 10 under similar circumstances, and there hasn't been
- 11 any such basis provided by any party in this or the
- 12 prior proceeding.
- 13 Q. Mr. Herz, you're appearing here, though,
- on behalf of Trigen; is that correct?
- 15 A. Yes, I am.
- 16 Q. And I assume you're a paid witness to be
- 17 here today?
- 18 A. Yes, I am.
- 19 Q. Trigen made that same recommendation in
- 20 the 2006 rate case, didn't they?
- 21 MR. KEEVIL: Objection. That's a
- 22 misstatement, mischaracterization of the position in
- 23 the 2006 rate case.
- MR. FISCHER: If I'm wrong, he can say
- 25 so.

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JUDGE PRIDGIN: I agree. I'll overrule.
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- 2 He can answer the question.
- 3 THE WITNESS: In the -- in the 2006 rate
- 4 case, I had proposed that since there was not a basis
- 5 that -- that supported the discounted rates for the
- 6 proposed space-heating tariff by the company at that
- 7 time in a separately metered general -- separately
- 8 metered space-heating rate for general service
- 9 customers, I had proposed that -- that those
- 10 discounted rates be eliminated in their entirety.
- 11 And the Commission, as -- if I could --
- 12 BY MR. FISCHER:
- 13 Q. I think you've answered my question.
- 14 If -- if the Commission -- and that's what I thought
- 15 I'd asked you. If the Commission eliminated the
- 16 space-heating and all-electric rates, would you agree
- 17 that this step would be a change in the rate
- 18 structure of KCPL?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Elimination of a rate schedule would not
- 21 be a change in rate structure?
- 22 A. Not under my proposal. My proposal is
- 23 that in this rate case, the Commission --
- 24 MR. FISCHER: Judge, I would ask for an
- 25 answer on that, yes or no.

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1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Let's -- and
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- 2 did you get your yes or no answer?
- 3 MR. FISCHER: I don't think I did.
- 4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Do you want to
- 5 ask him again?
- 6 BY MR. FISCHER:
- 7 Q. If the Commission eliminated the
- 8 space-heating in all-electric rates in this case,
- 9 would you agree that this step would be a change in
- 10 the rate structure of KCPL?
- 11 MR. KEEVIL: Judge, I'm gonna object to
- 12 that because he's mischaracterizing our position.
- 13 The position -- the proposal is not to eliminate the
- 14 rates in this case; the proposal is to phase them out
- 15 and to begin with this rate case.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: I'll overrule. Let him
- 17 answer the question yes or no, and you're free to
- 18 take that up on redirect.
- 19 THE WITNESS: The answer is no, not
- 20 under my proposal it would not be a change in rate
- 21 structure.
- 22 BY MR. FISCHER:
- 23 Q. But if the Commission did eliminate the
- 24 space-heating and all-electric rates, wouldn't you
- 25 agree that that would be a change in rate structure?

- 1 A. I -- I'm sorry. I don't know how to
- 2 answer that, Mr. Fischer, because I only know of --
- 3 of two proposals, that of myself and that of Staff,
- 4 and under either of those proposals, that would not
- 5 be a change in rate structure. So if the Commission
- 6 were to adopt something different which I'm not aware
- 7 of or would know what the specifics were, I -- I just
- 8 don't know how to answer that.
- 9 Q. Well, if hypothetically they found this
- 10 to be such a great idea to phase it out and to do it
- 11 faster and to do it all in this case, wouldn't you
- 12 agree that that would be a change of rate structure
- 13 for KCPL?
- 14 A. It possibly could be, I just don't know,
- 15 sir. I mean, I'd have to -- I'd have to know
- 16 specifically what is being proposed or what the
- 17 Commission would be doing to answer that.
- 18 Q. At the end of the three cases, if --
- 19 you're recommending that there not be an all-electric
- 20 or space-heating rate; is that correct?
- 21 A. The recommendation is they reach parity,
- 22 yes.
- 23 Q. And if -- if the Commission did that in
- 24 this case, wouldn't you agree that that would be a
- 25 change of rate structure?

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1 A. If -- if -- if the rates were on par
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- 2 with each other, that wouldn't necessarily be a
- 3 change in rate structure.
- 4 Q. It would just have a huge impact on
- 5 customers; is that correct?
- 6 A. It would just be that the rates would be
- 7 the same as they're -- there no longer would be a
- 8 difference in charging customers that are similarly
- 9 situated for the same usage, different amounts.
- 10 Q. Mr. Herz, would you agree with me those
- 11 customers that have those, what you call discounted
- 12 rates, would have a substantial increase if that
- 13 happened?
- 14 A. The customers that are -- that are
- 15 receiving the benefits of -- of the all-electric
- 16 general service discounted rates, for instance, if
- 17 those discounts were eliminated, that would result in
- 18 a -- in an increase to their winter season energy
- 19 charges. Of course, that would then be offset by a
- 20 reduction to the standard tariff customers' charges
- 21 in the winter season.
- 22 Q. Is it your understanding, sir, that the
- 23 signatory parties to the regulatory plan's
- 24 stipulation agreed not to support changes to the
- 25 company's rate structure in the second and third rate

- 1 cases contemplated in the regulatory plan?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. On page 5 of your direct testimony at
- 4 lines 16 through 22, you recommend that the
- 5 Commission should require KCPL as soon as possible
- 6 but not later than the next -- than its next rate
- 7 case to present a complete cost of service and/or
- 8 cost effectiveness studies and analyses of the
- 9 general space-heating rate discounts; is that
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Is my memory correct that in the 2006
- 13 rate case, Trigen also requested the Commission to
- 14 order KCPL to do a cost of service study?
- 15 A. I believe that was one of my
- 16 recommendations in the event the Commission did not
- 17 eliminate the general service space-heating
- 18 discounted rates altogether.
- 19 Q. And the Commission chose not to adopt
- 20 your recommendation in that 2000 rate case on that
- 21 point; is that correct?
- 22 A. I don't recall that the Commission
- 23 addressed that recommendation.
- Q. Is it your understanding that the
- 25 Stipulation & Agreement in the regulatory case, the

- 1 regulatory plan case that was approved by the
- 2 Commission included a provision related to cost of
- 3 service studies related to the third rate case?
- 4 A. That it -- I'm sorry. Could you repeat
- 5 the last part there?
- 6 Q. Certainly.
- 7 A. Included a provision that relates to the
- 8 rate case?
- 9 Q. The cost of studies that would be done
- 10 in the third rate case.
- 11 A. Unless you're thinking of something
- 12 more, I -- I would have to review it again, but as --
- 13 as I recall -- let me back up. Rate case No. 3 is --
- 14 is referred to as the 2008?
- 15 Q. Yes.
- 16 A. Okay. Yes, thank you. Yeah, there is a
- 17 sentence -- I'm sorry. I was thinking of 2009. I
- 18 got mixed up there for a second. There is a sentence
- 19 in the heading under rate case filing No. 3, 2008
- 20 case that there would not -- and again, I'm
- 21 paraphrasing, that there would not be any class cost
- 22 of service studies or rate structure changes proposed
- 23 by the parties that signed onto that agreement.
- Q. Thank you. Mr. Herz, did you include in
- 25 your testimony in this case any cost of service

- 1 studies?
- 2 A. No, I did not.
- 3 Q. Is it your understanding that KCPL has
- 4 had general service all-electric rates and
- 5 space-heating rates in its rate structure for quite a
- 6 long time?
- 7 A. I know that the company has had it since
- 8 the, oh, rate design case, the EO-94-199 that
- 9 resulted in settlement in 1996, I believe.
- 10 Q. Yeah, that's what I've been referring to
- 11 as the '96 rate case -- rate design case.
- 12 A. Right. And that's where the structure,
- 13 the general service rate structure as we now know it
- 14 and the all-electric general service rate schedule
- 15 and the separately metered provisions, that's where
- 16 that shows up.
- 17 Prior to that time period, I -- I --
- 18 it's my understanding the rate structure was
- 19 different and I don't know specifically how
- 20 space-heating-related items were handled. So --
- 21 Q. At least back to 1996 the company had
- 22 these space-heating and all-electric rates, as you
- 23 understand it?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Did you participate in that '96 rate

- 1 design case by chance?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Have you reviewed the rebuttal testimony
- 4 of Tim Rush, KCPL's witness, that included a copy of
- 5 a letter agreement between KCPL and Trigen dated
- 6 June 13th, 1996, in which Trigen agreed to support
- 7 and endorse before the Commission the Stipulation &
- 8 Agreement filed by the signatory -- the signatory
- 9 parties to KCPL's '96 rate design case?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And you haven't conducted a cost of
- 12 service study in this proceeding, but is there any
- 13 reason why you couldn't conduct a cost of service --
- 14 service study in the next case if you chose to do so?
- 15 A. I addressed -- I addressed this in -- in
- 16 my testimony in that the data that's normally
- 17 required for these cost of service studies are quite
- 18 voluminous, and it's -- it's better that if such an
- 19 effort were to begin by -- you know, by the company,
- 20 but --
- 21 Q. It's better for Trigen, isn't that what
- 22 you're saying?
- 23 A. Well, I think it's better for all -- all
- 24 parties. But secondly, I think there would be,
- 25 because of the company's current rate structure where

- 1 it already charges customers less in the wintertime
- 2 for their usage than the summertime, I -- I struggle
- 3 as to what type or how a study could be done that
- 4 could provide a basis that would support charging
- 5 even -- even lower rates than those reduced winter
- 6 rates to specific end-use customers.
- 7 Q. But in the last rate case that you
- 8 participated in, didn't you see a lot of cost of
- 9 service studies by lots of different parties besides
- 10 the company?
- 11 A. Yes. And not a single one of those
- 12 provided a basis for supporting or -- or identified
- 13 the cost of serving general service all-electric
- 14 customers or separately metered space-heating
- 15 customers, so even though --
- MR. FISCHER: Your Honor, I think the
- 17 question has been answered.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: I agree.
- 19 BY MR. FISCHER:
- 20 Q. And -- and Mr. Herz, would you agree
- 21 with me the Commission did not adopt that position in
- 22 this Report and Order?
- 23 A. What position was that?
- Q. That there was no support for those
- 25 rates. It didn't eliminate them as you requested; is

- 1 that correct?
- 2 A. The Commission did not eliminate the
- 3 discounted space-heating rates for general service
- 4 customers in the last -- in the last case.
- 5 MR. FISCHER: That's all I have. Thank
- 6 you.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Mr. Fischer,
- 8 thank you. Bench questions?
- 9 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 10 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Redirect?
- 11 MR. KEEVIL: Very briefly, Judge.
- 12 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. KEEVIL:
- 13 Q. Mr. Herz, Mr. Fischer asked you some
- 14 questions about the 1996 rate design case, or what he
- 15 referred to as the 1996 rate design case, which I
- 16 believe is the EO-94-199 case and whether or not you
- 17 participated in that case. Do you recall that, sir?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. If I could direct you to your direct
- 20 testimony, page 11. Is it your understanding that
- 21 the discount rates are based upon the cost of service
- 22 study done in the 1996 rate design case?
- 23 A. It's my understanding that -- that they
- 24 were not.
- 25 Q. Is it your understanding that those

1 discount rates merely continued past practice, so to

- 2 speak?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Mr. Fischer also asked you, can't you do
- 5 your own class cost of service study without having
- 6 KCPL do one, or words to that effect. That's my
- 7 paraphrase. Do you recall that, sir?
- 8 A. Yes, I do.
- 9 Q. And I believe you mentioned that you
- 10 addressed that matter in your testimony, but could I
- 11 have you turn to page 15 of your direct testimony.
- 12 Beginning on line 16 of page 15 and continuing on to
- 13 the next page, is that where -- is that the reference
- 14 that you were referring to when you say you addressed
- 15 why Trigen doesn't prepare its own cost of service
- 16 study?
- 17 A. Yes. And also in my surrebuttal
- 18 testimony where I indicate that it -- it really
- 19 should be the -- the responsibility of the company to
- 20 provide a basis for supporting lower rates to
- 21 specific end-use customers as opposed to Trigen.
- 22 That -- that -- that really shouldn't be
- 23 the responsibility of Trigen to -- in response to
- 24 there not being a cost basis or a basis for
- 25 supporting the rates for Trigen then to have to

- 1 produce a study which says that there is no basis or
- 2 that there can be a basis. So to me, it's backwards.
- 3 Q. Mr. Fischer also asked you if you
- 4 didn't -- if you saw several class cost of service
- 5 studies in the last KCPL rate case. Do you recall
- 6 that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Did any of those class cost of service
- 9 studies in the last rate case address the cost --
- 10 hello? Did any of those class cost of service
- 11 studies address the cost of -- or provide any cost
- 12 support for the separately metered space-heating
- 13 rates or the all-electric discount rates separate
- 14 from the class -- the small, medium or large general
- 15 service class as a whole?
- 16 A. No, they did not.
- 17 Q. Could you explain what was done?
- 18 A. In the -- in the last rate case which is
- 19 similar to what I understood that was done in the
- 20 rate design case, the EO-94-199, all of the general
- 21 service customers were put together in one of three
- 22 categories, that being small, medium, large, with no
- 23 differentiation between customers that were being
- 24 served under the standard tariff customers that were
- 25 being served and billed under the all-electric rates

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1 or customers that were taking advantage of the
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- 2 separately metered space-heating provision.
- 3 MR. KEEVIL: That's all I have.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Keevil, thank you.
- 5 All right. Mr. Herz, thank you very much, sir.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 7 MR. KEEVIL: I did offer his testimony,
- 8 right? My memory is getting terrible in my old age.
- 9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I recall that you did
- 10 and I verified that by looking. I show 701, 702 NP
- 11 and HC and 703 all offered and admitted.
- 12 MR. KEEVIL: Thank you. May Mr. Herz be
- 13 excused? He is from out of town.
- 14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Certainly. All right.
- 15 Thank you. Do my eyes deceive me or have we run out
- 16 of witnesses?
- 17 MR. FISCHER: I think we're done.
- 18 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Is there
- 19 anything further from counsel?
- 20 MR. FISCHER: Judge, I just to want make
- 21 sure all the prefiled testimony's been offered.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, sir.
- MR. FISCHER: I believe it has but --
- 24 for KCPL?
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Not necessarily

- 1 everybody, but your -- your client.
- 2 MR. FISCHER: Yeah.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Let me verify that just
- 4 a moment. I show KCPL Exhibits 1 through 27 have all
- 5 been offered and admitted. Let me see if there are
- 6 any other exhibits. Yes, 28, 29, all the way through
- 7 35, I show they've all been offered and admitted.
- 8 MR. FISCHER: Okay. Thank you.
- 9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: You're welcome. Did --
- 10 I'm sorry. Did Staff have some exhibits as well?
- 11 MR. DOTTHEIM: Yes. I think at least
- 12 there were Exhibits 112, 113 and 114 which were
- 13 Mr. Traxler's, Steve Traxler's direct, rebuttal and
- 14 surrebuttal. They hadn't been offered because of the
- 15 Stipulation & Agreement that had been filed last week
- and hadn't been offered pending whether any objection
- 17 or request for a hearing might be filed which I don't
- 18 believe that there have been any objections or
- 19 requests for a hearing filed with the Commission. So
- 20 the Staff would offer Exhibits 112, 113 and 114.
- 21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. 112 113 and 114
- 22 have all been offered. Any objections?
- 23 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 25 Exhibits 112, 113 and 114 are admitted.

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1 (EXHIBIT NOS. 112, 113 AND 114 WERE
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- 2 RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THE
- 3 RECORD.)
- 4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Williams?
- 5 MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, I'm confident that
- 6 Exhibit 115 which is the surrebuttal testimony of
- 7 Graham Vesely has not yet been offered. I'd offer
- 8 that at this time.
- 9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I'm equally confident
- 10 but I'll show that it's been offered. Objections?
- 11 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: No objections. It's
- 13 admitted.
- 14 (EXHIBIT NO. 115 WAS RECEIVED INTO
- 15 EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD.)
- MR. WILLIAMS: And unfortunately, my
- 17 records aren't that good. Do you have Staff's
- 18 exhibit list handy?
- 19 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I do.
- MR. WILLIAMS: Can you run down it?
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: I do. I do not -- I do
- 22 not show Exhibit 110 being offered. That would be
- 23 Mr. Lange's rebuttal testimony.
- 24 MR. WILLIAMS: Staff would offer
- 25 Exhibit 110 at this time.

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JUDGE PRIDGIN: Objections?
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- 2 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Hearing none, that's
- 4 admitted.
- 5 (EXHIBIT NO. 110 WAS RECEIVED INTO
- 6 EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD.)
- 7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And I also show
- 8 Mr. Wells' direct and rebuttal have not been offered.
- 9 Those would be 119 and 120.
- 10 MR. WILLIAMS: Staff offers Exhibits 119
- 11 and 120.
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Objections?
- 13 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Hearing none, those are
- 15 admitted.
- 16 (EXHIBIT NOS. 119 AND 120 WERE RECEIVED
- 17 INTO EVIDENCE AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD.)
- MR. DOTTHEIM: Judge, there -- there's
- 19 another matter. During the trial of the -- or the
- 20 hearing of the off-system sales issue, there was a
- 21 Staff data request No. 276 which I believe
- 22 Mr. Zobrist had indicated that there was a company --
- 23 a KCPL response dated August 1 of 2007 to that data
- 24 request. And that data request contains an
- 25 attachment which is similar to what the company

- 1 offered, had marked as Exhibit 35.
- 2 Upon checking the response date of that
- 3 data request, the response date on that data request
- 4 is August 31 and not August 1, and the -- the
- 5 attachment which is similar to Exhibit 35 doesn't
- 6 contain numbers for the month of August. It doesn't
- 7 have numbers in the column Less Undistributed RTO
- 8 Charges.
- 9 So the -- the Staff wanted to correct
- 10 the record as far as the date of the company's
- 11 response to data request No. 276, and I think the
- 12 company will verify that.
- MR. FISCHER: My understanding that's
- 14 correct.
- 15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Thank you,
- 16 Mr. Fischer. All right. Anything further?
- 17 (NO RESPONSE.)
- JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. If there's
- 19 nothing further from counsel, once the transcript is
- 20 in, I will -- I will order briefs, and I believe
- 21 Mr. Mills, you had asked earlier about transcripts
- 22 being filed. I did show a couple volumes being filed
- 23 on EFIS today, so it's already starting to roll in.
- 24 So I would anticipate the entire
- 25 transcript would be completed sometime late next week

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     to project out 15 days from that, that would be a
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     likely date the briefs would be due.
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                 Is there anything further?
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                  (NO RESPONSE.)
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                  JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Hearing
     nothing further from counsel, that concludes the
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     hearing in Case No. ER-2007-0291. Thank you very
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     much. We're off the record.
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