BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST CHICAGO SITTING AS A POLLUTION CONTROL SITING AUTHORITY

In the Matter of:
APPLICATION FOR LOCAL SITING
APPROVAL FOR LAKESHORE)
RECYCLING RECYCLING SYSTEMS,)
LLC, FOR THE WEST DUPAGE)
RECYCLING AND TRANSFER)
STATION, 1655 POWIS ROAD,
WEST CHICAGO.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had and testimony taken at the hearing of the above-entitled matter, at 326 Joliet Street, West Chicago, Illinois, on the 12th day of January, A.D. 2023, at the hour of 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

- MR. DERKE PRICE, Hearing Officer;
- MR. DENNIS WALSH, City Council Attorney;
- MR. PHILLIP A. LUETKEHANS, Attorney for Protect West Chicago;
- MR. RICARDO MEZA, Attorney for Protect West Chicago;
- MR. GERALD CALLAGHAN, Attorney for city staff;
- MR. STEVE DeLaROSA, Representative for People Opposing DuPage Environmental Racism (PODER);
- MR. GEORGE MUELLER, Attorney for Lakeshore Recycling Systems, LLC.

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HEARING OFFICER PRICE: So this is the 1 continuation of the public hearing on the 2 proposed transfer station. This evening we 3 don't quite have the technology we had at the --4 5 You may have a seat, Mr. Lardner. 6 It will take a minute. 7 We don't quite have the technology 8 we had at the Academy. We don't have a PowerPoint, for example, to display, and 9 we're -- have "A" microphone, which I will 10 05:59:05PM shortly hand to the witness, Mr. Lardner, who is 11 12 in the middle of his testimony on Criterion 1. But as a result, so that everybody 13 is aware of what's going on, we've moved the 14 15 court reporter over here so that she can hear 16 Mr. Mueller's questions and the questions from 17 the attorneys and the witnesses a little better, 18 particularly since don't have microphones, only 19 the witness will have them. 20 I also have been informed that 21 there are several people who wish to give public 22 comment who are unavailable next week when we're

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working on Monday and Thursday during the day. 1 Given the limited technology, I'm going to not 2 3 only take care of those ten people, but anybody else who has signed up to give oral public 4 5 comment, if you wish to go tonight, we'll do 6 that. 7 We'll use Mr. Lardner's time effectively, complete Criterion 1. He's 8 proposed to testify on Criterion 8 and we'll get 9 10 that done, then we'll do some public comment to 11 the extent we have it, and then we'll go back to working on the testimony. So that's the game 12 plan for this evening. 13 One last thing to remind everybody 14 15 about, again, the City Council includes the 16 mayor, are acting in the capacity of a jury. 17 And while you are used to having them available 18 and accessible to you on all sorts of things of import in West Chicago, wherever you meet them, 19 20 whether it's at city hall, at meetings like 21 this, at -- at places of worship, in the grocery 22 store, again, I need to remind everybody, they

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1 cannot talk to you about this. They're acting 2 as a jury. 3 The statute says that it's 4 fundamentally unfair for people to lobby them 5 and to do the kinds of pro se interactions that 6 would take place during the hearing. So we need 7 to respect that process. You can put in your public comment through writing. There's -- You 8 can do it now or 30 days after we close the 9 10 hearing. You can put in everything you want in 11 the written public comment time period, but what 12 you can't do is attempt to interact with them on 13 an interpersonal basis right now. All right. With that being said, 14 15 we are back to Mr. Lardner. We are on redirect. 16 Mr. Luetkehans, I will turn the 17 floor over to you. I will ask that you project 18 for the benefit of everybody, and I'm going to give the microphone to Mr. Lardner. 19 20 MR. LUETKEHANS: One -- One second, 21 Mr. Hearing Officer. Before -- I just want the 22 schedule -- We have a -- our appraiser in from

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1 out of state, so we are going to kind of break 2 up Mr. Lardner and go to the appraiser, and then if you want to go to public comment, but --3 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: 4 That's fine. 5 MR. LUETKEHANS: -- we're -- I just 6 didn't want anybody to think I was sandbagging. 7 THE WITNESS: Thank you. MR. LUETKEHANS: You know what? I'm 8 going to stand just because it's easier for me 9 10 to be a little louder that way. 11 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Anything to 12 help everybody here. MR. LUETKEHANS: And if you -- someone 13 can't, please, yell, scream, whatever. 14 15 WHEREUPON: 16 JOHN LARDNER, 17 called as a witness herein, having been previously duly sworn, was examined and 18 19 testified as follows: 20 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 21 BY MR. LUETKEHANS: 22 Q. Mr. Mueller asked you certain

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1	questions Tuesday night about your position
2	related to a possible waste transfer station in
3	McLean County.
4	Do you recall that?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Can you tell us who you worked for in
7	that assignment?
8	A. That assignment was for a company
9	called Andrews Engineering.
10	Q. Have you done a report there?
11	A. I prepared a preliminary report that
12	they're going to use for preparing a
13	Criterion 1 section for a transfer station
14	siting.
15	Q. Why is it still preliminary?
16	A. The application has not been filed as
17	far as I know, and I don't know if they've made
18	any changes to it beforehand.
19	Q. Can you explain the purpose of that
20	report and your preliminary findings?
21	A. Yes. The report was to prepare an
22	analysis of a municipal solid waste transfer

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station for a new transfer siting application so 1 2 that the company would able to be -- to bid on a 3 municipal hauling contract in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois. 4 5 The bid contract requirements 6 included demonstration that the bidder have a 7 waste transfer station within the city limits of Bloomington or the town of Normal, and that 8 9 there was only one transfer station operated by 10 Republic Waste in the service area. And it did 11 not have a capacity associated with it due to 12 its age and it never went through the Section 39.2 siting hearing process. So we didn't know 13 14 what the capacity of that transfer station was. 15 And, again, in order to submit a 16 bid for municipal hauling in the service area --17 excuse me -- in the limits of Bloomington and 18 Normal, which comprise most of the service area, 19 they needed to have a transfer station. 20 Was there any competition in 0. 21 that county with Republic? 22 Α. There is no -- There was competition

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1 within the county. There is no competition for waste hauling in the city limits of 2 3 Bloomington-Normal because of the qualification 4 that the -- the bidders have a transfer station 5 in the city limits. 6 Okay. This is going to be a little 7 hard for the public, but the rest of us have these slides. 8 In your Power Point, Mr. Mueller 9 10 pointed out a typo on Slide 7 of your Power 11 Point. Do you recall that? 12 Yes. Α. The slide, for example, said that, 13 14 quote, waste generated for disposal in WDRTS 15 service area is 2,997 tons per year. 16 Is that a correct statement? 17 Α. Yes. 18 But then at the -- So that's what the 0. 19 slide said? 20 Α. Correct. 21 Okay. And then it discussed the Q. 22 six-day workweek tonnage is 3,574 tons per day

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did -- Is that the actual calculation you did 1 2 about the amount of capacity in the service area? 3 4 Yes. It corresponds to the amount of Α. 5 waste per day in the West DuPage RTS facility 6 criterion report. 7 Okay. And going to the next slide 0. which is 19, is this the summation of your 8 calculations on the excess capacity? 9 10 Yes. Α. 11 Q. And does this show the capacity in 12 tons per day or per year? 13 Α. Per day. Okay. And does this slide carry 14 15 forward the same numbers from Slide No. 7 16 just -- it shows that it's days but it's the 17 same numbers, correct? 18 Yes. Α. 19 Okay. You said Tuesday night there 0. 20 are benefits to vertical integration. 21 Do you recall that? 22 Yes. Α.

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1	Q. Who are those benefits to?
2	A. Primarily to the waste company.
3	Q. Not the needs of the service area?
4	A. No, not as there is already so much
5	competition in the service area.
6	Q. Okay. Another thing you were asked
7	about the other night was Republic swap, I
8	think, is what it was called as it related to
9	east and west of I-53.
10	I think you said you were aware of
11	some agreement in relation to that. Do you
12	recall that statement?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. Was that something you were aware of
15	before Mr. Hocks's testimony or were you just
16	saying you heard that from his testimony?
17	A. When it was mentioned, I recalled
18	hearing about the swap.
19	Q. Okay. Also, you said you were not
20	aware of DuPage waste going east.
21	Do you recall saying that?
22	A. Yes.

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	1	Q. Okay. Were you saying that you knew
	2	no waste was going east from this area?
	3	MR. MUELLER: Object, he's leading him.
	4	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: It's redirect.
	5	It's cleaning up what you asked him about. I'm
	6	going to overrule it.
7 BY THE WITNESS:		
	8	A. No. I was saying I did not know for
	9	sure one way or the other.
06:07:33PM	10	Q. You were asked about the Shaw service
	11	areas that were used in I think it was the
	12	2007 DuPage County Storm Water Management Plan
	13	Update.
	14	Do you recall that?
	15	A. It was a solid waste management
	16	update, and yes.
	17	Q. Sorry.
	18	And who was Shaw?
	19	A. Shaw was an environmental consulting
06:07:51PM	20	firm specializing in waste recycling and
	21	disposal in the Chicago area.
	22	Q. Okay. So they specialized in this

	1	area?
	2	A. Correct.
	3	Q. And do you know if there's a
	4	connection between Shaw from 2007 and APTIM
	5	today?
	6	A. Yes, there is.
	7	Q. What's that connection?
	8	A. The lead engineer there is an
	9	individual by the name Devin Moose.
06:08:11PM	10	Q. Okay. So in certain circumstances,
	11	the fact it came up the other day that Shaw used
	12	a 15-mile circle and a 10-mile circuit [sic], it
	13	appears?
	14	A. That's correct.
	15	Q. Shaw obviously felt comfortable enough
	16	in this analysis to include that in their study
	17	they did for DuPage County; is that correct?
	18	MR. MUELLER: I'm going to object to
	19	how Shaw felt. He wouldn't know.
06:08:31PM	20	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Sustained.
	21	BY MR. MUELLER:
	22	Q. Shaw included that number in its

1	study, correct?
2	A. Correct.
3	Q. And you said you reviewed the Hock
4	report, correct?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Does Mr. Hock, in his needs analysis,
7	also denote all the transfer stations in a
8	15-mile radius of the LRS proposed service area?
9	A. Yes. Page 1-10 mentions
10	Figure 1-1 showing existing municipal solid
11	waste transfer stations within an approximately
12	15-mile distance from the service area. And
13	also, again, in their application, it included
14	the 1996 update from the the solid waste
15	plan.
16	And I'll read that: Due to the
17	increase in the number of landfills and increase
18	of haul distances, transfer stations will become
19	an even greater integral part of the management
20	of solid waste for DuPage County. The location
21	of transfer stations at selected sites
22	throughout the County will serve the management

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1 of solid waste generated within the County and 2 further assist in keeping down costs associated with long distance hauling of the waste. 3 Industry standards for a packer truck haul 4 5 distance to a disposal facility is approximately 15 miles. 6 So both Hock and Shaw used the 15-mile 7 0. radius, correct? 8 That's correct. 9 10 Okay. You were asked Tuesday night Q. 11 about some kind of predatory pricing scheme to 12 keep LRS out of waste -- out of the area; is that correct? 13 14 Α. Yes. 15 Did you see any hard numbers in Q. 16 Mr. Hock's report to support that conclusory 17 statement? 18 No. I did not. Α. 19 You were also asked about whether you 0. 20 did any analysis on mileage or pricing to 21 determine competition in the service area. 22 Do you recall that?

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1 Yes, I recall it. Α. To your knowledge, did Mr. Hock -- And 2 Q. you were here for Mr. Hock's testimony, correct? 3 4 Yes. Α. 5 You've read his reports, correct? Q. 6 Α. Yes. Did -- To your knowledge, did he do 7 Q. any such analysis of this type in his report or 8 9 his testimony? No. 10 Α. 06:10:23PM Did he do anything other than make the 11 Q. 12 conclusory statement related to this issue? 13 Α. No. Were you asked about the distance by 14 Q. car between Rockdale and West Chicago Tuesday 15 night? 16 17 Α. Yes. And I think you said it would be about 18 0. 19 an hour away? 20 That's correct. Α. 06:10:38PN 21 Is the LRS Elburn transfer station an 0. 22 hour away from West Chicago?

It's approximately 30 minutes. 1 Α. No. Is Rockdale an hour away from the 2 0. southern portion of the service area proposed? 3 4 From the southern portion of the Α. 5 service area, it's approximately 25 minutes. Okay. Another topic that came up 6 0. 7 Tuesday was the fact that a minority of the 8 overlapping service areas of transfer 9 stations -- I'm sorry. Let me reread that. 10 Another topic that came up on 11 Tuesday was the fact that a majority of the 12 overlapping service areas of transfer stations 13 with the service area were owned by Waste Management and Waste Connections. 14 15 Do you remember that discussion? 16 Yes. Α. 17 Did you see any evidence in Mr. Hock's Q. report that support the fact that Waste 18 19 Management and Waste Connections are in any way 20 colluding to keep LRS or any other hauler out of 21 the market? 22 No. Α.

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1	Q. In fact, did you hear Mr. Hock deny
2	that he was aware of any such collusion? Do you
3	recall that?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. Okay. Based on your experience in the
6	industry, are you aware of anything along those
7	lines, any kind of collusion to keep LRS out of
8	the market?
9	A. No.
10	Q. How many transfer stations overlap
11	with the proposed service area that are not
12	owned by Waste Management or Waste Connections?
13	A. There are three identified Lake
14	Shore Recycling, Republic, and EDRS.
15	Q. There were questions asked the other
16	night about the Plano transfer station as well
17	as others about there being excess capacity.
18	Do you recall that?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. And then the question became, why
21	would the concept was why would they be
22	necessary?

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	1	A. Because of substantial growth
	2	anticipated in Kendall County at the time, when
	3	the transfer station was sited, it was still
	4	somewhat rural. And in the 2010 census, it was
	5	among the fastest growing counties in the
	6	nation.
	7	Q. And did you prepare that analysis
	8	based on the traditional needs analysis you did
	9	here?
06:12:39PM	10	A. Yes.
	11	Q. Okay. And what was the determination
	12	there?
	13	A. That based on future population growth
	14	in the following 20 years, there was a need for
	15	waste transfer in the service area.
	16	Q. You heard Mr. Callaghan asked you
	17	about why is there ever a need if the service
	18	area is why is there need if the service
	19	areas overlap, and there's excess capacity in
06:13:02PM	20	those outside service area outside waste
	21	transfer stations.
	22	Do you remember that?

1 Yeah. The growth of the area outside Α. 2 of the service area may generate waste for disposal that exceeds the proportional capacity 3 available at the overlapping -- overlapping 4 transfer stations. 5 6 In this case, the area that was 7 outside the overlap was -- was anticipated to 8 grow faster and created the need for the transfer station. 9 And so that's Plano you're talking 10 0. about there? 11 12 Yes. Α. 13 Any others that you see on the chart that -- Well, I guess the question in my mind 14 15 is: Just because there's excess capacity in 16 this service area and its transfer station is 17 based outside the service area, does that mean 18 we don't need the one -- I mean, I guess I'm --19 I was kind of confused by Mr. Callaghan's question because -- Well, let me ask this. 20 I'm 21 Sorry. 22 I'm going to --MR. MUELLER:

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	1	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Is there a
	2	question?
	3	MR. LUETKEHANS: I said, Let me ask the
	4	question.
	5	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Strike all of
	6	that before that, please.
	7	New question.
	8	BY MR. LUETKEHANS:
	9	Q. The transfer stations Well, here,
06:14:11PM	10	one of the things that came up correct was that
	11	there is excess capacity in the service area,
	12	correct?
	13	A. Yes.
	14	Q. And that that is partially because
	15	or a lot because that there are transfer
	16	stations outside of the service areas that
	17	overlap
	18	A. Correct.
	19	Q correct?
06:14:29PM	20	And those transfer stations
	21	capacity may include a part of the service area,
	22	but they also include areas that are well

1	outside the service area; is that fair to say?
2	A. Correct.
3	Q. Okay. So when you look at their total
4	capacity, only a certain part of it may be based
5	in the service area?
6	A. Correct.
7	Q. Okay. Do any of the points raised by
8	Mr. Mueller or Mr. Callaghan modify or make you
9	doubt your analysis and the opinions that you
10	have provided in this hearing?
11	A. No.
12	MR. LUETKEHANS: Nothing further.
13	Thank you.
14	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Next up would
15	be PODER. Are there any questions from PODER?
16	MR. DELAROSA: No, not at this time.
17	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Then to the
18	applicant, Mr. Mueller.
19	RECROSS-EXAMINATION
20	BY MR. MUELLER:
21	Q. Now, you've done a needs analysis for
22	some other transfer stations in the Chicago

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1 area, correct? 2 Correct. Α. 3 Which ones are those? Ο. There's one transfer station -- I 4 Α. think it was on Kedzie Avenue -- and there's 5 6 another one, I think, down in Riverdale, and 7 then, of course, the one in Plano. You did -- Did you do the needs 8 Q. analysis at Plano? 9 Yes. 10 Α. And with regard to those facilities, 11 Q. 12 did you do an overlap analysis? 13 Α. Yes. How many transfer stations overlapped 14 Q. the Plano service area? 15 I don't know the exact number of that. 16 Α. I don't recall. 17 18 Well, was it more than one? Ο. 19 I think it may have been more than Α. 20 one. 21 Less than a million? Q. 22 Less than a million. Α.

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Okay. More than five? 1 Q. I don't know if it's more than five. 2 It's somewhere between one and five. 3 And in that case, you found there was 4 still a need, correct? 5 6 Α. Correct. The -- Which were the Chicago ones 7 0. that you did? 8 One was down on Kedzie Avenue and one 9 was down in, I think, River- -- somewhere in 10 06:16:41PM another location in Chicago. 11 12 Did you do an overlap analysis for the 0. 13 one on Kedzie? 14 Α. As I recall, I did. 15 How many other transfer stations Q. overlapped that service area? 16 17 Α. Again, I don't recall that exact 18 number. 19 Was that one more than five? 0. 20 Α. Yes. 06:17:02PM 21 And you still found there was a need, 0. 22 correct?

	1	A. Correct.
	2	Q. And the other one was Riverdale?
	3	A. As I recall, yes.
	4	Q. Where is that?
	5	A. That was a It's a borders
	6	Chicago on the south side.
	7	Q. Did you do an overlap analysis?
	8	A. As I recall, I think I did.
	9	Q. You think you did?
06:17:27PM	10	A. Yeah. Again, I don't have the
	11	application. It's been several years, and I
	12	don't recall the exact details.
	13	
		Q. And you believe there was some
	14	overlap?
	15	A. I'm sure there would be.
	16	Q. Did you find there was a need despite
	17	the overlap?
	18	A. I'm Again, I don't recall the exact
	19	details, but I think it did meet the need
06:17:49PM	20	criteria, so
	21	Q. Now, you relied on a 2007 report from
	22	Shaw to determine the 15-mile service area

1	radius, correct?
2	A. I relied on the figures that were in
3	the solid waste plan that were part of their
4	study.
5	Q. Do you know whether Shaw did a study?
6	A. It was reported in the solid waste
7	plan that they did a study.
8	Q. Who did it for Shaw?
9	A. I don't know. It didn't say who the
10	author was.
11	Q. Your corporation, what's that called?
12	A. JPL Environmental Engineering.
13	Q. Is there a reason why it's not in good
14	standing with
15	MR. LUETKEHANS: Objection
16	BY MR. MUELLER:
17	Q the Secretary of State?
18	MR. LUETKEHANS: beyond the scope.
19	This has nothing to do with redirect.
20	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: It does have to
21	do with his qualifications. You asked him about
22	his history and background. I'm going to allow

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	1	it.
	2	BY THE WITNESS:
	3	A. My I submitted an annual report
	4	last week, and it was due December 31st of this
	5	[sic] year. And so it's considered not in good
	6	standing because it hadn't been paid by the
	7	31st.
	8	Q. As of today, the Secretary of State
	9	still shows you not in good standing, correct?
06:19:15PM	10	A. I did not check that. I don't know
	11	when the check was received along with my my
	12	statement.
	13	MR. MUELLER: Thank you, Mr. Lardner.
	14	That's all we have.
	15	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Callahan?
	16	MR. CALLAGHAN: Yeah, just a couple.
	17	RECROSS-EXAMINATION
	18	BY MR. CALLAGHAN:
	19	Q. The McLean County transfer station,
06:19:36PM	20	you said the bid that was made required that the
	21	app or that the bidder had to have a
	22	transfer station?

1 Correct. It had to have a transfer Α. station in Bloomington-Normal -- the city of 2 Bloomington-Normal or the City of Bloomington or 3 the Town of Normal. 4 So the -- the need for the transfer 5 0. 6 station there didn't necessarily have anything 7 to do with capacity available in that area? 8 Well, the -- the issue there was the Α. 9 transfer station that was in the City of Bloomington was put into operation before 10 11 Section 39.2. 12 So when they submitted their permit application to the State of Illinois, they 13 didn't report capacity. So we don't know what 14 15 the capacity of the transfer station happened to 16 be, so we couldn't compare what waste was being 17 generated versus what the existing capacity was. What volume does that other transfer 18 Ο. 19 station report receiving on an average day? 20 Α. Again, I didn't -- I don't recall what 21 that was --22 Q. Did you --

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-- if we had it. 1 Α. 2 Did you look at that? Q. As I recall, we did, but I don't know 3 Α. the exact number. 4 Okay. But -- So the reason the 5 0. 6 transfer station was proposed was because it was a bidding requirement? 7 8 Yes. Α. Mr. Luetkehans asked you some 9 Q. questions early on and it looked like you were 10 06:21:05PM reading your answers? 11 12 I was just kind of looking at --Α. 13 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Microphone, 14 please. 15 BY THE WITNESS: I was looking at my notes from what we 16 Α. discussed today. 17 So you were reading your answers? 18 Ο. 19 I was paraphrasing them, yes. Α. 20 0. When was the Plano transfer station 06:21:23PM 21 sited? 22 I think it was 2014. Α.

1 Ο. Do you -- Are you aware -- So in 2 that -- Strike that. 3 In the Plano area, you've got Yorkville, Sugar Grove, I believe. Those are 4 5 the municipalities that you were anticipating to 6 grow? 7 Again, I used the -- the Chicago Α. metropolitan area planning CMAP population 8 tables to -- to project what the next -- you 9 10 know, in the coming future, what the population 11 was going to be which then drove the amount of 12 waste that would be generated. 13 What were the dates -- What was the Ο. date of those projections? 14 15 It was their report that says go to --Α. I think it was 2040 or 2050 report. And I don't 16 17 know when the exact date it was, but it was 18 fairly current, after the 2010 census was 19 prepared. 20 Are you aware of what's happened with Q. regard to population projections in that area 21 22 since around 2007?

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1 Again, the 2010 census showed a Α. No. 2 big population increase from the earlier census data. 3 Do you know how many platted 4 0. undeveloped lots are Yorkville? 5 6 Α. No. 7 Sugar Grove? 0. 8 No. Α. Is it fair to say if -- You apparently 9 0. 10 know something about this area. Is it fair to 06:23:06PM say that the growth in that area, basically for 11 12 all intents and purposes, is considerably lower than was projected prior to the housing crash of 13 '07? 14 15 I will say that it would be a Α. 16 reasonable statement to say that the growth may 17 not have been as high as anticipated, but I live 18 out that area and I drive by it, and I do see 19 development going on. 20 In 2010, you know, right before the 06:23:37PM 21 siting area, I did -- I did see some growth 22 going on. Whether or not that total growth

	1	measured up to what the expectations were, I
	2	don't know. I didn't, you know, look afterwards
	3	to look.
	4	Q. But that was the basis for your needs
	5	analysis for that transfer station?
	6	A. Again, yes, we used the best
	7	population data we had times the waste
	8	projection our waste generation amount to
	9	determine whether or not there would be a need
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	11	Q. And the siting was 2014?
	12	A. Correct.
	13	MR. CALLAGHAN: That's it.
	14	Thank you.
	15	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Walsh
	16	MR. WALSH: No questions.
	17	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: All right.
	18	Thank you, Mr. Lardner. That concludes your
	19	testimony for Criterion No. 1.
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	21	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Luetkehans?
	22	MR. LUETKEHANS: Yeah. We would call

1	Kurt Kielisch.
2	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: So that
3	concludes Mr. Lardner's testimony, and they're
4	calling their next witness, appraiser,
5	Mr. Kielisch.
6	(Witness sworn.)
7	WHEREUPON:
8	KURT KIELISCH,
9	called as a witness herein, having been first
10	duly sworn, was examined and testified as
11	follows:
12	DIRECT EXAMINATION
13	BY MR. LUETKEHANS:
14	Q. Mr. Kielisch, would you state your
15	name and spell your last name for the record,
16	please.
17	A. Yes. My name is Kurt Carl Kielisch,
18	Kurt with K, Carl with a C, Kielisch,
19	KIELISCH.
20	Q. Showing you what has been marked PWC
21	Exhibit 350, is that a copy of your 351, is

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	1	A. Yes, it is.
	2	Q. Okay. And did you prepare a
	3	PowerPoint on Criterion 3 or at least a portion
	4	of Criterion 3 in this matter?
	5	A. I did.
	6	Q. And is that PDC Exhibit 352?
	7	A. Yes, it is.
	8	Q. Please proceed with your presentation
	9	Mr. Kielisch.
06:27:03PM	10	A. Certainly.
	11	Okay. My presentation is going to
	12	be looking at Criterion 3, the obviously, for
	13	the reason we're here, the West DuPage County
	14	recycling transfer station proposal, in
	15	particular, the examination of the Kleszynski
	16	report called Land Use Compatibility and Real
	17	Estate Impact Study.
	18	The first page I have on my
	19	PowerPoint is my credentials; very briefly,
06:27:37PM	20	39 years in the real estate field as well as a
	21	real estate appraiser, educator, and writer;
	22	valued over 21 different states, over

1 \$13 billion worth of real estate; expert witness on issues that deal with complexities such as 2 stigmatized properties, eminent domain issues in 3 4 state courts, federal courts, public service 5 commissions as well as County zoning and siting 6 councils and committees that --7 I do have two Wisconsin Supreme Court decisions that I was principal in that 8 impacted how eminent domain is done in the state 9 10 of Wisconsin; certified appraiser currently in 11 Wisconsin and Tennessee. 12 I have held designations in 13 other states, certified designations, 13 14 including Illinois. I'm currently not an 15 Illinois certified appraiser; ASA designated, which is a senior member, American Society of 16 17 Appraisers, as well as the senior right-of-way 18 for the International Right of Way Association; 19 a Realtor, though, I am not a salesperson; and 20 approved instructor for real estate appraisal in 21 six different states; also, a faculty member of 22 the American Law Institute CLE, and Eminent

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Domain Institute CLE International. 1 BY MR. LUETKEHANS: 2 Can -- Can I stop you for a second. 3 Ο. Have you ever testified at a 4 5 pollution control facility siting hearing in 6 Illinois? 7 Α. No. I have not. Have you testified at other 8 0. similar-type siting hearings, however? 9 10 Yes, I have. Α. What types have you testified at? 11 Q. 12 Well, I have testified in three Α. 13 different ones that have come to mind; one in Door County, Wisconsin; one in open-pit mine in 14 15 Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and then an impact analysis of the single -- single stream 16 17 recycling facility, which was in Burlington, Wisconsin. 18 19 How about other types of impacts 0. 20 analysis? 21 I do a lot of impact analysis, Yes. 22 impact studies, as well as stigmatized property

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1 studies. For what types of facilities or what 2 0. 3 types of issues? Well, the issues can be the impact of 4 5 wind farms, the impact of solar farms, there's 6 impact -- I've done an analysis on impact of 7 contaminated soils on not only the property that 8 was contaminated but surrounding properties; of 9 course, eminent domain issues that deal with power lines, gas and oil pipelines as well, and 10 06:30:10PM 11 navigation easements that deal with airport --12 in the air easements and their impact on property value. 13 Okay. Please proceed. 14 Ο. I'm sorry. 15 Sure. Α. So looking at Criterion 3, which is 16 17 the next page I have, that you-all know the definition of facilities to be located as to 18 19 minimize incompatibility with the character of 20 the surrounding area and minimize the fact of 06:30:39PN 21 value of surrounding property values. 22 So my examination of the -- the

report -- Kleszynski --1 2 Mr. Kleszynski. 3 -- Kleszynski -- Okay. I appreciate a Α. 4 difficult last name. Mine is also difficult. 5 When you look at it, how it's spelled, there's 6 advantages especially when someone is calling 7 you that you don't know they mess up your name. You automatically know that they're there to 8 sell you something. So Mr. Kleszynski. Very 9 10 good. My -- My job was to look at this 11 12 report, see whether or not that the report substantially supported his concluding opinion 13 that the proposed facility would meet Criteria 14 15 3 -- Criterion 3. And we --16 The next page is something I can 17 pass over. The committee already knows the West 18 DuPage County recycle transfer proposal, the 19 size of the building that's going to be 20 utilizing transfer of both solid waste, single 21 stream recyclables, as well as the liquid hydro 22 waste.

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1 My next two PowerPoints deal with the definition of -- of municipal solid waste, 2 3 as well as single stream recyclables and hydro 4 excavation waste, just so we all have an 5 understanding of what those are. 6 Looking at the neighborhood, the 7 neighborhood, of course, at 1655 Powis Road, which is going to be the location of the 8 proposed recycling facility, that it is on Powis 9 10 Road going north to south; to the west is the 11 DuPage Airport. Surrounding the property both 12 to the north and south and somewhat to the east 13 is industrial and office land uses including 14 some vacant land that is for sale. And then 15 approximately 3,000 feet to the east is 16 residential land use. 17 Q. Let me interrupt you. 18 You said it's a proposed recycling 19 facility. Are you aware that it's also proposed 20 for a waste transfer --21 Yes. Α. -- municipal solid waste? 22 Q.

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1 Yes, I am. Α. 2 Okay. Please proceed. 0. 3 Thank you. Α. Currently, it's -- the LRS, the 4 5 recycling facility is at this location dealing 6 with the waste of construction. 7 Now, looking at the report itself, and what I'm looking at is to see whether or not 8 9 this report adequately supported the -- the 10 concluding opinion of Criterion 3 being honored. 11 This report focused mainly on highest and best 12 use analysis to support the opinion that the 13 proposed facility does satisfy the impact analysis requirements of Criterion 3. 14 15 And the highest and best use, 16 however, does not meet, in my opinion, the 17 analysis requirement to measure Criterion 3. 18 And here is the reason why: Highest and best 19 use is focused on the buyer or the property 20 owner. It's the most profitable use of that 21 property to the individual. And that is based 22 on physically -- what's physically possible,

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what's legally permissible, what's financially 1 2 feasible, and a combination of those that --3 that give the highest rate of return to the potential buyer or the current owner. 4 5 Criterion 3, however, is different. 6 It doesn't look at the individual and their 7 basic most profitable use of the property. Criterion 3 looks at the least intrusive use. 8 9 In other words, Criterion 3 looks at the community where its highest and best use looks 10 06:34:30PM 11 at the individual property and the property 12 owner. So -- So is it fair to say they're 13 0. 14 looking at two different things? 15 MR. MUELLER: He's leading him again. HEARING OFFICER PRICE: 16 Try to make it 17 direct, please. BY MR. LUETKEHANS: 18 19 Are -- Is highest and best in 0. Criterion -- and lease intrusive use, are those 20 21 two different things? 22 Α. Yes, they are.

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1 And I -- I propose that highest and best use does not equal the Criterion 3 for 2 3 those very reasons. So some of the observations --4 5 Again, the focus of the report was highest and 6 best use. And the conclusion was since the 7 highest and best use was for the proposed use, therefore, it met the criterion, but, again, as 8 9 I've pointed out, highest and best use looks at 10 the individual property and the individual 11 profitability to the owner or potential buyer. 12 It does not look at the community or outside of that property to say, Is this the best use of 13 14 the property with the community involved. 15 That -- It requires -- This 16 Criterion 3 requires proof. It requires proof that has a minimum impact to the property value 17 18 and that it's minimally in- -- incompatible to 19 the land uses around. 20 And just because a property can 21 meet the physically and financially and legally 22 permissible test that we use in highest and best

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use, does not mean it will not negatively impact 1 2 the surrounding property value. 3 I gave an example of a pig farm. Α 4 pig farm would be zoned A- -- AG or 5 agricultural, so it meets the legally 6 permissible. If the pig farm is structurally 7 sound as far as the soils and content goes, you meet that. And if the pig farm is going to be a 8 profitable operation, then it meets that test; 9 10 but a pig farm will not have a positive impact 11 to the surrounding property values. So that's 12 another example of how one methodology utilized 13 in appraisal does not necessarily equate the meeting of the requirement of Criterion 3. 14 15 That -- The proposed facility, being a -- a, you know, mixed-use, single-stream 16 17 waste type of recycling operation, does have a 18 potential of presenting odors and noises and creating insects, bugs, all sorts of different 19 20 things. Now, it doesn't necessarily have to do that to impact negatively surrounding property 21 22 value, just the belief it does. And that's

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1 called perception. Perception is what drives 2 value in real estate. 3 The proposed facility has potential 4 noise and dirt and dust and other things due to 5 its facility. The other aspect that I was 6 looking at in observation is that there was no 7 quantitative or analytical -- we call that qualitative -- analysis on surrounding property 8 9 values. 10 Now, qualitative is a -- that's a 11 measurement mainly as a yes-no question. 12 Qualitative would use things like surveys, possibly opinion surveys, possibly knocking door 13 to door up and down Powis Road asking the -- the 14 15 landowners there whether or not they see this as 16 a positive or negative, or whether it could 17 impact property -- property value or ability to 18 lease or something like that. It would be 19 interviewing, say, commercial Realtors, on that 20 same token, looking to see what would the market 21 Is this a yes or a no as far as it respond. 22 meeting valuation standards.

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1 Now, the quantitative --2 quantitative analysis is the actual hard 3 analysis that's the arithmetic analysis. That's 4 where you would compare properties that had such 5 an operation to those that did not both being 6 sold, one outside of the area of influence, one 7 in the are of influence to see whether there's a difference in property value. And you would do 8 9 several of those because one does not make a 10 market. You would want to use at least three. 11 I like to use at least six to a dozen if I can. 12 And that would create a pattern of whether or 13 not there is an influence of property value, either positively, negatively, or no influence. 14 15 It also answers the yes-no question, but it 16 gives you a little bit more ammo on that yes-no 17 question that it gives you a percentage usually. 18 So on the two tests of the 19 Criterion, the first is minimize incompatibility 20 with the character of surrounding area. 21 that as blank. I -- I'm not qualified to make 22 that decision of compatibility. That's not in

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my -- my wheelhouse, if you will. I deal with 1 2 value, valuation stigma, that type of thing. Not land planning, never sat on a zoning board 3 or never wrote zoning. So that's really not 4 5 my -- my capacity. 6 My focus was on the second test and 7 that is, minimize the effect of the value of the surrounding property value. The question is: 8 Did the report adequately address this test? 9 10 Did it give significant proof qualitatively and 11 quantitatively to the reader -- to convince the 12 reader that -- of their conclusion -- the 13 appraiser's conclusion? I -- My observations of this report 14 15 is there was not a qualitative analysis, nor was 16 there a quantitative analysis; therefore, 17 neither impact positive, negative, or neutral 18 could be devised from reading of this report. 19 So I concluded that the report 20 failed on the second test of minimizing the 21 effect of property value. 22 Q. Okay.

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1 So lastly, just as a summary, you just Α. 2 heard my summary on my conclusion of the report. And also that though highest and best use is 3 used in appraisal all the time, and it's one of 4 the fundamentals. As a matter of fact, when I 5 6 teach appraisal, I teach it as the hub of real estate valuation. 7 8 From there, the spokes and the 9 direction of the appraiser comes of what 10 comparables to select, what methods evaluation, 11 what approaches to select. That all comes from the highest and best use analysis. So that 12 13 analysis in itself is a strong analysis when you're valuing an -- that individual property, 14 15 but it does not stand the test of what was 16 required in Criterion 3. 17 How would you do a quantitative 0. 18 analysis of effect on value of surrounding 19 properties before or after a waste transfer 20 station? 21 Well, there would be three 22 different -- First of all, I would do the

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1 quantitative if I could. In the quantitative --2 The ideal quantitative is to look in the 3 neighborhood -- let's say, this neighborhood 4 that had an identical type of building and 5 operation, and when it came into effect. And 6 then say it came into effect 2015, so we -- you 7 would look for property sales prior to 2015 of properties that would be in close proximity, and 8 9 then properties in 2000- -- after 2015, once the 10 facility was in full operation, to see whether 11 or not there was a -- any type of property 12 fluctuation -- up, down, or neutral. 13 Now, chances are you probably --You know, of course, there always was a fairly 14 15 small sector there. I don't know if you're 16 really going to find those sales. If you do 17 there go (phonetic). But your second thing to 18 do then is to find a facility that is similar in 19 use -- maybe in a different proximity -- that 20 had recently sold, and to see what -- I'm 21 sorry -- not recently sold, but in the location, 22 and then properties around that facility that

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sold before and after, and then look at that 1 2 comparison to see if there is any type of impact. 3 4 Another thing to do is a comparative, what we call a match-pair analysis, 5 6 or I call it comparative sales analysis. 7 that's where you take a property that has under the influence or could be potentially 8 influenced, by a similar facility and you 9 10 compare it to another property similar to it 11 equally substitutable that is outside of the 12 area of the influence and see if there's any valuation difference there. 13 Another thing to do would be to do 14 15 a -- a study to see if there was any -- it's 16 called a literature study -- to see if there's 17 any other studies that were done in the State -in the United States or in the state of Illinois 18 19 or anywhere else on -- that's trying to answer 20 this very question of impact. That could be 21 useful. 22 And the last thing I would do is I

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1 would do a qualitative study, interview commercial Realtors as well as go up and down 2 the area where the proposed facility is and ask 3 4 those individuals in the building and property 5 owners their opinion. 6 Okay. You did not do any of those 0. 7 four things that you just talked about, correct? I did not. 8 Α. 9 Ο. Why not? 10 That was not the assignment. Μv Α. 11 assignment was to look at the report to see 12 whether Criterion 3 was met with adequate proof. 13 How long would it take you to do those Ο. four things? 14 If I'm not busy, three to four months. 15 Α. My current schedule, more like six to seven 16 17 months out. 18 Okay. If you had done a comparative Ο. 19 analysis or a match-pair analysis, is that 20 something you would expect that you would put in 21 your report or that would regularly be put in a 22 report?

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	1	A. Yes, because you would need that to
	2	substantiate your position of any impact, yes,
	3	no, or or neutral.
	4	Q. And what kind of information would be
	5	included in the report at that time just, let's
	6	say, for a match-pair analysis alone?
	7	A. Well, a match
	8	MR. MUELLER: I'm going to object. It
	9	assumes facts not in evidence.
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	11	Sustained.
	12	MR. LUETKEHANS: What facts are
	13	assumed? I'm sorry.
	14	MR. MUELLER: He's speculating about
	15	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: He didn't do
	16	the work.
	17	MR. LUETKEHANS: Correct.
	18	MR. DELAROSA: So we're not going to
	19	speculate about what it would say when he didn't
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	21	MR. LUETKEHANS: Well Okay.
	22	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: That's the very

1 point about --BY MR. LUETKEHANS: 2 What would you -- What do you normally 3 Ο. put in your report --4 5 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: No. Sustained. 6 MR. LUETKEHANS: What he -- What you 7 would expect to see in this report is relevant if he had done it. Mr. Kleszynski kind of 8 hinted that he did it. 9 10 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Ask a question 06:45:16PM 11 about Kleszynski's report. 12 BY MR. LUETKEHANS: If Mr. Kleszynski had done a 13 0. match-pair analysis or a comparative analysis, 14 15 would you have expected to see it in your 16 report -- in his report? 17 Α. Yes, I would. 18 MR. LUETKEHANS: Okay. Nothing 19 further. HEARING OFFICER PRICE: All right. 20 06:45:39PM 21 Thank you. 22 First up is PODER. Anything from

1	PODER?
2	MR. DELAROSA: Actually, yes.
3	Because I would just like to
4	introduce the fact that tonight's hearing is so
5	different than the hearing that was taking place
6	at the previous location of the hearing where we
7	had sound equipment or the audience can see the
8	documentation introduced or they can see it on a
9	monitor where people can actually comprehend the
10	information that's being presented at this
11	public hearing. That's one thing, that it's a
12	disadvantage for the people at this side of the
13	table.
14	Secondly, is that we have no
15	Spanish language translation here for people
16	from the community in a minority-majority
17	community that have an interest in this along
18	with the rest of the people of West Chicago.
19	That's what I have to say. Thank
20	you.
21	No further words.
22	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: All right.
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Then to you, Mr. Mueller. 1 2 CROSS-EXAMINATION 3 BY MR. MUELLER: Mr. Kielisch, where do you practice 4 Ο. out of? 5 6 Α. Neenah, Wisconsin. 7 Do you know what a pollution control Q. facility is? 8 9 Α. I have a general idea, yes. 10 Well, tell us what it is. Ο. 06:47:23PM A pollution control facility -- Well, 11 Α. 12 simply by the language, it would be a facility that tries to control pollution and reduce it. 13 Do you know whether a transfer station 14 Q. 15 is a pollution control facility? 16 I do not. Α. Have you ever testified at a pollution 17 0. control facility hearing? 18 19 No. Α. 20 Have you been to the subject site? Q. 06:47:53PM 21 Α. Yes. 22 Did it look to you like it was Q.

compatible with the surrounding area? 1 2 MR. LUETKEHANS: Objection, beyond the 3 scope. 4 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Overruled. 5 BY THE WITNESS: 6 I'm not one to judge compatibility. That is not my expertise. 7 Well, you're a long-time real estate 8 Q. appraiser, right? 9 Yes. 10 Α. 11 You must have some sense of whether Q. 12 something fits into the area or sticks out like a sore thumb, don't you? 13 Well, that would be true, yes. 14 15 Did the existing Lake Shore Q. Okay. facility appear to fit into the area? 16 17 Α. The existing one? 18 Yes. Ο. 19 Yes. Α. 20 Q. Do you know what they do there? 21 Α. Yes. 22 What do they do there? Q.

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1 They take construction debris and they Α. 2 recycle it, package it up, ship it out. 3 What else do they do there? 0. 4 That's all the knowledge I have of it. Α. 5 Are you aware of whether they have a Q. 6 port potty business there? 7 No. I do not. Α. 8 0. Are you aware -- Are you aware of 9 whether or not there are other pollution control 10 facilities nearby? Yes. Well, pollution control, if you 11 12 mean, like, a recycling type of facility, is that what you're speaking of? 13 I -- Do you know if there are any 14 15 other transfer stations nearby? There's Groot, I believe is the 16 Α. It's north about a quarter mile. 17 18 And do you know how long that's been 0. 19 there? 20 Well, it says on the website that it's Α. 21 been in the -- in the family since 1914. 22 not know it's exact existence, I mean, at that

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location. 1 So that transfer station, to your 2 0. knowledge, could be 108 years old? 3 4 I would have no opinion if it is or Α. 5 not. No. It looks pretty -- It looks more 6 modern than that for sure. 7 Does it appear to fit into the area? 0. Again, I'm not really qualified to say 8 Α. whether it's compatible for the area. 9 It looks 10 like a square building. 06:50:13PM 11 0. The -- The Lake Shore facility, you said, has a potential for odors? 12 13 Α. Yes. What makes you believe it has a 14 Q. 15 potential for odors? 16 Well, number one, you go on a 17 literature survey. You see that is a very 18 strong concern of individuals, that I have 19 personally experienced it in Wisconsin, and I 20 did an analysis of a single stream recycling 06:50:49PN 21 facility. And that was the big issue, was the 22 odor.

You personally experienced odor in 1 0. Wisconsin? 2 Yes. 3 Α. 4 And how does that relate to whether or 0. 5 not this state of the art design will produce 6 odors? 7 That facility was also state of the Α. art, by the way, and went through a very 8 rigorous type of analysis and engineering to 9 10 prevent odors, and yet it still had the odor 06:51:22PM 11 issue, which was causing property valuation 12 issues. What was the name of that facility? 13 Ο. 14 Α. I don't recall the name right here, 15 but it was in Burlington, Wisconsin. 16 Okay. You experienced odors but you 0. 17 don't know the name of the facility? 18 Well, yeah. I do a lot of appraisals. Α. 19 I can't remember all the names. 20 How old is that facility? Q. 06:51:45PN That was a new facility. It was built 21 Α. 22 within about two years prior to my appraisal.

	1	Q. When was your appraisal done?
	2	A. 2021.
	3	Q. And was that a fully enclosed
	4	facility?
	5	A. Yes.
	6	Q. Do you know what air filtration and
	7	scrubbing technology that facility had?
	8	A. I don't know exactly what it had, but
	9	I do know it did have that air filtration
06:52:18PM	10	scrubbing that was a requirement for the City of
	11	Burlington.
	12	Q. Do you know whether this facility
	13	intends to mask odors or actually eliminate
	14	them?
	15	A. This facility here, I do not know.
	16	Q. Did you hear Mr. Hock's testimony on
	17	Criterion 2, which is whether the facility is
	18	designed, located, and proposed to be operated
	19	that the public health health, safety, and
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	21	A. No.
	22	${f Q}$. So is it your opinion that this

facility will smell? 1 Well, in -- it has the potential, and 2 Α. that's really not the issue. In value, what you 3 4 are valuing in issue is what 5 the -- what the buying public believes will be 6 happening, not necessarily what is happening. 7 And that's the perception, and that's what drives value. 8 So though something may not have, 9 10 they may have the engineering that they did not cause the -- let's say, odor for instance, the 11 12 perception that they do can still drive value. 13 How far does the perception go Ο. 14 distance-wise? 15 I don't have an opinion on that. Α. 16 Well, if someone has an opinion that a 0. 17 pollution control facility 100 miles from their home may have odors, do you think that will 18 19 negatively impact value? 20 No. It must be the commonly held Α. 21 within the market, not just one individual. 22 Q. So what is the proximity required in

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1 order for the opinion to matter? 2 Well, in the analysis I did in 3 Burlington, the proximity was about a six-block dis- -- six-block radius. 4 That would be, what, maybe half a 5 0. 6 mile? More like probably a quarter mile. 7 Α. Quarter mile? 8 0. Quarter mile to half mile, somewhere 9 10 around there, yeah. So do you know how many residential 11 properties there are within a quarter mile of 12 13 this facility? 14 Α. No. 15 Isn't that something you should have Q. 16 looked at in order to determine whether or not 17 there's a potential impact on property value? That was not my assignment. My -- My 18 Α. 19 assignment was clear. It was: Did this report 20 meet the requirement on Criterion 3 to give 21 adequate support to the concluding opinion. 22 assignment was not to do an appraisal or to do a

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study. 1 All right. So let me see if I 2 Q. understand this. The only question you were 3 trying to answer was whether or not the highest 4 5 and best use analysis equates to whether or not 6 it minimizes impact on property values? Pretty close. 7 Α. 8 Q. Okay. Pretty close. 9 Α. 10 I would go a step further on 06:55:32PM whether it met the requirement of Criterion 3, 11 12 was to look at outside of the property on 13 whether there was an impact on property value. You don't have an opinion on whether 14 0. 15 or not this facility is compatible with the surrounding area? 16 17 I do not. Α. Generally, isn't it true that 18 0. 19 compatible facilities tend to have less impact 20 on property values than incompatible facilities? 06:56:00PN 21 Generally, that could be true. Α. 22 Q. Okay.

1 Yes. Α. So if we built a pig farm on the Lake 2 0. Shore property, you might be concerned that that 3 4 might have a negative impact on surrounding 5 property values? 6 Α. Correct. 7 Especially down wind, right? 0. Absolutely, down wind. 8 Α. Do you have an opinion, without 9 0. 10 knowing the exact technology that Lake Shore 06:56:35PM 11 intends to use, as to whether or not this 12 facility will generate odors? 13 Α. I do not. Okay. You said it also has the 14 Q. 15 potential for insects? 16 Yes. Α. 17 What kind of insects are those? Q. Well, particularly, flies, fly larva, 18 Α. 19 things that will -- will be attracted to the 20 smells, the sweetness, for instance, things that 06:57:04PN 21 were in bottles, that type of thing. 22 Q. Do you have an opinion as to whether

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or not this facility, which is fully enclosed, 1 2 will generate insects? 3 Again, it has the potential. I do not Α. know if it will, nor was that my assignment. 4 5 And you suggested that Lake Shore or 0. 6 Mr. Kleszynski should have interviewed neighbors 7 to see how they feel about this facility's impact on property values? 8 That would be a qualitative analysis. 9 10 That is one method to do that, and I mentioned 11 many others. 12 Are you aware that Lake Shore has Ο. 13 letters of support from neighboring business 14 owners? 15 I am not. Α. 16 If we had those kind of letters of Ο. support, then that would be in the nature of a 17 18 qualitative analysis, correct? 19 Incorrect, that would not be. That Α. 20 would be more of a political survey. A 21 qualitative analysis will go to the individuals 22 and find out what their opinion is.

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1 If they are in support, okay, let's talk about that, if they're in support. 2 just because they wrote a letter of support, 3 4 it's not a qualitative analysis. 5 So you're saying people who write 0. 6 letters of support aren't actually necessarily 7 supporters? I'm saying they're not 8 Α. No. 9 necessarily going to be representing what the 10 market is doing in that area. The appraiser 11 would need to talk to as many people as 12 possible. And, again, that's only one part of a 13 suggested a qualitative analysis. 14 You also can do commercial real 15 estate appraisers and things of that sort. 16 Now, you suggested that for quantitative analysis, we should have looked at 17 sales before and after 2015, correct? 18 19 That is one method, correct. Α. 20 What's so magical about 2015? Q. 21 I gave that as an example. If a Α. 22 facility such as this was built in 2015, one

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1 method is to look at sales in the same neighborhood prior to that date of -- of 2 operation, and then after that date of operation 3 4 to measure whether or not there was an impact. 5 Now, with another transfer station a Q. quarter mile away, does it become difficult to 6 7 do your kind of quantitative analysis because 8 the item that potentially impacts property values is already in the market? 9 10 No. That would be exactly what you Α. 11 want because what you want is that item -- a 12 facility like that one already in operation in 13 business and then to look at property values of similar properties before that date and after 14 15 that date to get a quantitative analysis of 16 whether or not there is an impact. 17 Well, how far back can you go to get a Q. 18 meaningful quantitative analysis? 19 MR. LUETKEHANS: Objection, form. 20 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Overruled. 21 BY THE WITNESS: 22 Well, you can go back -- I mean, I've Α.

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gone back ten years, if the data isn't there, 1 2 and you can go back and find data ten years. 3 20 years is probably too far, but you can go back five, ten years. 4 20 years is too far. That's what you 5 Q. 6 said, right? 7 In my opinion, right, I would Α. 8 try not to do that. The Waste Connections facility has 9 0. 10 been there over 20 years. Are you aware of 11 that? 12 I am not. I believe you asked me 13 before if I knew when it was there. So I do 14 not. 15 So we can't meaningfully go back to Q. before when the Waste Connections facility got 16 there? 17 Sure, but that's just one analysis, 18 Α. 19 sir. That's just one potential quantitative 20 analysis. That's not the only one that you 21 could do. 22

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Now, you heard Mr. Kleszynski's

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testimony that, in his opinion, property that is 1 at its highest and best use minimizes the impact 2 3 on the value of -- on the value of surrounding 4 properties, didn't you? 5 That is what his report said. I -- I Α. 6 did not hear his testimony. 7 You -- You disagree with that conclusion? 8 I think that doesn't meet the 9 10 compatibility test, and it certainly does not meet the test of whether it has a positive or 11 12 negative impact to surrounding property value. 13 Ο. You can't talk about compatibility because you said you're unqualified on it? 14 15 That's correct. That's why I said I'm Α. 16 not having an opinion on that. 17 Q. Did you look at Mr. Kleszynski's credentials? 18 19 Yes, I did. Α. 20 Does he appear to be a qualified real Q. 21 estate expert? 22 Yes, he does. Α.

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1 Is it the case that sometimes Ο. 2 qualified experts disagree on things? Yes. Yes. That's why we have court. 3 Α. So the fact that you disagree with 4 0. 5 Mr. Kleszynski doesn't mean he's wrong, it just 6 means you disagree? 7 Α. Well, I'm not saying he is -- Okay. I'm not getting into anything personal with 8 Mr. Kleszynski. He could be a wonderful guy. I 9 don't know who he is. He could be sitting here 10 today. I have no -- And I do not go after an 11 12 individual. I simply look at the report and ask 13 myself: Did this report meet the requirements 14 15 that were set forth? 16 My answer is: No, it was not. 17 So I disagree. I believe that that 18 report did not meet that requirement. 19 And the reason for that is because you 0. disagree with Mr. Kleszynski's opinion about the 20 21 relationship between highest and best use and 22 property values, right?

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1 Yes, that's correct. That is not a 2 way to measure impact of surrounding property values. 3 In your opinion, sir? 4 Ο. 5 Well, no. If you look at the Α. 6 definition of highest and best use, it has nothing to do with a methodology to measure the 7 impact of surrounding property values. 8 9 Mr. Kleszynski said property at its 10 highest and best use is least likely to negatively impact surrounding property values. 11 12 Do you agree with that statement? No, not necessarily. Highest and best 13 Α. 14 use does not prove that. But it's certainly a significant 15 Q. factor, isn't it? 16 17 Α. That's not the test of highest and 18 best use. 19 I'm asking you if it's a significant 0. 20 factor, not what the test is. 21 No, it's not a significant factor. 22 The three tests are the significant factors.

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	1	Q. Do you think that a transfer station
	2	on this property would be its highest and best
	3	use?
	4	A. I did not do a highest and best use
	5	analysis. This was, again, not my assignment.
	6	Q. Do you believe that this property is
	7	negatively impacting surrounding property
	8	values?
	9	A. Again, that was not my assignment. My
Μ	10	assignment was: Did this report substantially
	11	support the position and the conclusion of the
	12	report
	13	Q. Do you have an opinion
	14	A in that one area.
	15	Q. Do you have an opinion, sir, as to
	16	whether or not this transfer station, if its
	17	built, will negatively impact surrounding
	18	property values?
	19	A. I do not.
Μ	20	(Brief pause.)
	21	BY MR. MUELLER:
	22	Q. Sir, do you know where the Cornerstone
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	1	subdivision is?
	2	A. I do not.
	3	Q. Would it surprise you if a high-end
	4	residential subdivision was built very near a
	5	pollution control facility?
	6	MR. LUETKEHANS: Objection, foundation,
	7	assumes facts not in evidence. I don't know
	8	what "very near" means.
	9	MR. MUELLER: I'll withdraw the
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	11	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you.
	12	BY MR. MUELLER:
	13	Q. If a pollution control facility exists
	14	at a location and subsequently residential
	15	development high-end residential development
	16	occurs in the immediate vicinity of that
	17	facility, can we infer that the facility is not
	18	having a negative impact on property values?
	19	MR. LUETKEHANS: Same objection. What
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	21	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Yeah. I'm
	22	going to sustain that. We've talked about

quarter mile. We've talked about significance. 1 2 Can you put a mileage on it, 3 Mr. Mueller? BY MR. MUELLER: 4 5 Within three-quarters of a mile, sir? Q. 6 Α. Just because -- Just because the 7 developer or someone like that decides to go through with development does not -- is not 8 9 evidence of property enhancement or neg- -- or 10 neutral or negative property value impact. 11 It's -- It has -- You know, in 12 order for you to do that, you would have to then 13 compare those property values and how they were 14 sold to ones that were outside of that 15 That is the way that you would influence. 16 measure that. 17 (Brief pause.) BY MR. MUELLER: 18 19 Sir, would it influence your opinion 0. 20 to learn that Mr. Kleszynski's testimony about 21 highest and best use being a factor that 22 minimizes impact on surrounding property values

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has been approved by the Pollution Control Board 1 2 in at least two other cases in Illinois? 3 That definition --Α. 4 Yeah. Ο. 5 -- of highest and best use? Α. 6 I would be surprised. 7 So if we can find that -- those cases 0. 8 for you, that might make you rethink your 9 position? 10 Well, highest and best use is an Α. 11 appraisal action. And whether a board or a 12 zoning board makes the decision, I don't think -- at least to me, in my profession, that 13 doesn't influence us and say, Well, because a 14 15 politically elected board says something else 16 contrary to what our -- our methodology would say, therefore, they're right. 17 18 I would say no, that would not 19 influence me. 20 What influences me is that 21 tradition and the methodology that hold the 22 appraisal organizations and appraisal

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	1	associations teach.
	2	Q. That's your story and you're sticking
	3	to it?
	4	MR. LUETKEHANS: Objection,
	5	argumentative.
	6	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Sustained.
	7	MR. MUELLER: No further questions.
	8	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you,
	9	Mr. Mueller.
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	11	MR. CALLAGHAN: No questions.
	12	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Walsh
	13	CROSS-EXAMINATION
	14	BY MR. WALSH:
	15	Q. Sir, I got a couple questions for you.
	16	Have you ever testified before on
	17	Criterion 3?
	18	A. No, I have not.
	19	Q. Have you looked at any case law or
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	21	how how they interpret the the ability to
	22	meet Criterion 3?

	1	A. No, I have not.
	2	MR. WALSH: That's all I have.
	3	Thank you.
	4	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Redirect?
	5	MR. LUETKEHANS: One follow-up line.
	6	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
	7	BY MR. LUETKEHANS:
	8	Q. You were asked about going you
	9	couldn't go use a sale more than 20 years old
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	11	20 years old.
	12	Do you recall that line of
	13	questioning?
	14	A. Yeah, but that's not what I was
	15	answering. That line of questioning, yeah.
	16	What I was What I was trying to
	17	say is that the question was, How would you
	18	do You know, how far back would you go if you
	19	did such an analysis.
07:10:27PM	20	And my point was, I would go you
	21	know, I could go up to five or ten years; 20,
	22	that might be a stretch because you're going to

1	find more than enough data within the five to
2	ten year. Plus, if you're all the way back to
3	20 years, you could have different facilities,
4	different technologies, things of this sort. So
5	it's best to try to keep it as contemporary as
6	possible.
7	Q. And there's no magic in looking at the
8	one down the street versus another facility that
9	might have been put in place in the last five
10	years?
11	A. That is correct.
12	MR. LUETKEHANS: Nothing further.
13	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Anything
14	further from PODER?
15	MR. DELAROSA: No questions.
16	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Mueller
17	MR. MUELLER: Nothing. Thank you.
18	MR. CALLAGHAN: No.
19	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Walsh
20	MR. WALSH: Nothing further.
21	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: All right.
22	Thank you, sir

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1 THE WITNESS: Thank you. HEARING OFFICER PRICE: -- for your 2 3 testimony. (Witness excused.) 4 5 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Why don't we --6 Criterion 8 is not going to take a long time, I 7 don't think, right? MR. LUETKEHANS: The direct is not. I 8 don't know about after that. We'll do it either 9 way, however you would like. 10 07:11:26PM 11 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: All right. 12 Well, then what I would like to do is -- I've been informed that there are ten people -- I've 13 14 been given the names -- who had previously 15 signed up to deliver oral public comment who are 16 not able to attend the sessions we have coming up next week at City Hall during the day. 17 18 So I'm going to call those ten in 19 the order I have them from how they signed up 20 and were given to me. And then if there are 07:11:56PM 21 others who have signed up previously and 22 submitted in a timely form, you have an oral

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public comment, if you would like to do it 1 tonight because of the limited nature of what 2 3 technology we have, Mr. DeLaRosa's point -- and I'm not expecting any of you to have had 4 5 PowerPoints that you wanted to show -- we will 6 take that public comment as well, and then we'll 7 return to taking testimony from Mr. Lardner. So, Mr. Lardner, thank you for your 8 patience, but we're going to try and take 9 10 advantage of the lack of technology to allow 11 people to put in the oral public comment. 12 So with that -- And we'll -- we'll 13 take a break at 8:00 o'clock because it's not 14 fair to our court reporter to put it into a 15 death march (phonetic). So first up is Ms. Sheila Rutledge, 16 17 and Ms. Rutledge will be followed by Connie 18 Schmidt, and then on deck after that is Janice 19 Guider. 20 So hold on. Let me give you the microphone. 21 22 MS. RUTLEDGE: Yes. Good evening. My name

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is Sheila Rutledge, and I'm coming to speak on 1 behalf of Lake Shore Recycling tonight, both as 2 3 a citizen of Incorporated West Chicago and with 4 my work on protecting the environment. 5 I first became aware of Lake Shore 6 Recycling from 2015 to 2018 when my late husband 7 and I owned Advanced Property Solutions. Essentially, we renovated houses and sold 8 9 primarily to first-time home buyers. 10 At that time, Lake Shore Recycling 11 was the only trash hauler that we could find 12 that would actually reclaim any recyclable items 13 from our demolition projects. Items such as any type of wood, concrete, gypsum board, and metals 14 15 like aluminum and copper made up most of our 16 demo debris, and it was important to us that 17 those reusable items did not end up going 18 directly to landfills. 19 As somebody who is environmentally 20 conscious, that was important because our 21 landfills are quickly filling up, with some estimating they will be full by 2035. We must 22

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do a better job of keeping those things out. 1 2 Most of the other haulers at the time took all of those dumpsters directly to 3 landfills. I can find no information about the 4 5 existing transfer station recapturing those 6 resources. 7 According to the EPA, recycling efforts reduced the amount of waste sent to 8 9 landfills and incinerators, conserve natural 10 resources such as timber, water, and minerals, 11 increased economic security by tapping a 12 domestic source of material, prevent pollution 13 by reducing the need to mine raw materials, saves energies, supports American manufacturing, 14 15 and conserves valuable resources, and creates 16 new jobs in the recycling and manufacturing 17 industries in the United States. 18 From an economic aspect, recycling 19 adds 681,000 jobs, 37.8 billion in wages, and 5.5 billion in tax revenues. And this equates 20 21 to 1.17 jobs for every 1,000 tons of materials 22 recycled.

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1 The ferrous metals industry 2 provides the largest contribution to all three 3 categories -- job, wage, and tax revenue --4 followed by construction and demolition. 5 The first night of hearings asked 6 the question about capacity. And I suggest that 7 the rate of recycling in our surrounding communities is not very good and we should 8 9 support a program to help educate our citizens 10 about the importance of recycling and how to do 11 it properly to increase our rates and keep 12 people from wish cycling items that contaminate 13 the streams and slow down the process. 14 It often comes down to confusion 15 and inconvenience. People don't know how to 16 recycle, what can be recycled, or what to do 17 with those items. The top reason Americans say 18 they don't recycle regularly is a lack of 19 convenient access. LRS's plan helps to 20 alleviate some of those complaints. 21 I've heard some people say that the 22 existing transfer station is not maximizing

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1 their capacity. At our current rates of recycling, that may be true, but with landfill 2 space diminishing, we must, as a community, 3 4 improve rates of recycling. 5 I'm an animal lover. I walk my 6 dogs often and always shake my head at the lack 7 of knowledge on how to recycle properly in my community. The majority of recycling 8 receptacles at curb side are contaminated by 9 10 people who bag their recycling or put in items 11 that cannot be recycled at the curb. 12 My hope is that a robust education program can help to use these facilities at full 13 capacity and help our environment overall. 14 15 The plan Lake Shore is presenting 16 is a solid state-of-the-art facility that 17 expands the good work they're already doing. 18 of 2019, the United States has yet to touch the 19 top ten recycling countries list. We must do 20 better. 21 It is time for a state-of-the-art 22 recycling transfer station so that we can

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1 increase the diversion of useful recyclable 2 items from our landfills. The existing facility 3 is old and it needs improvement, and I believe LRS has made a solid plan to mitigate any of the 4 5 concerns that the local community might have. 6 Their commitment to keeping down litter, street 7 sweeping, capturing noxious odors is to be 8 commended and rewarded. Competition is the bedrock of 9 10 business in this country. It improves services 11 and controls costs. I can only surmise that the 12 battle over the issue is not because of racial 13 injustice but simply a publicly traded company spending huge amounts of behind the scenes money 14 15 to protect their shareholder value. 16 Thank you. 17 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you. 18 Next up is Ms. Connie Schmidt, 19 followed by Janice Guider, and then after that Greg Walsh. 20 MS. SCHMIDT: 21 Hello. My name is Connie 22 Schmidt. Today I'm here to speak as the chair

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1 of the River Prairie Group of the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club, for anyone who 2 3 doesn't know, is the largest grass root organization in the United States. We have over 4 5 60 chapters across the nation and Illinois has 6 14 regional groups. The River Prairie is one of 7 the most active, and we cover here in DuPage. We have over 2,600 members across this county. 8 9 Concerned citizens of West Chicago, 10 an advocate for environmental justice contacted 11 our group because they were concerned that a 12 waste dump was coming to West Chicago and would negatively impact their community and residents 13 who are already burdened with a legacy of other 14 15 environmental issues. 16 From the onset, The River Prairie 17 Group's interest was a built environment plan 18 for a healthy and sustainable equitable 19 environment for all residents. We advised this 20 group that the data would drive any RPG decision 21 or action. We provided some air monitors, 22 training, data collection; and with the data

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1 collected, significant concern was not 2 documented with the current traffic and land 3 use. 4 In addition, we met with the representatives of LRS to learn details of their 5 6 plan. We learned that the plan is not for a 7 landfill or a waste dump. It is an expansion of existing services already found on this property 8 that they now own and are doing recycling of 9 materials such as construction waste. LRS now 10 11 wants to add household garbage do their 12 services. 13 The property is in an industrial 14 park. A particular concern to us is the 15 intention -- attention to environmental impact. 16 It appears to us that LRS has given considerable attention to mitigate environmental concerns 17 18 with an enclosed state-of-the-art building and 19 air filtration system to protect the workers and 20 quickly closing doors as trucks and enter leave 21 to protect the community. 22 The waste transfer station will

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make it possible for the collection vehicles to 1 2 travel less distance on roads, decreasing their 3 particulate emissions and fossil fuel usage, two 4 concerns we have for air quality. 5 We advocate for aggressive 6 monitoring to ensure that LRS is compliant with 7 commitment they are making in this process. With very careful consideration and respect for 8 the concerns of the citizens of this community, 9 10 the group of the Sierra Club is determined that 11 we will not oppose this permit request and, in 12 fact, we support it. 13 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you. The -- Next up is Janice Guider, 14 15 who will be followed by Greg Walstra, and then 16 Barbara Laimins. 17 MS. GUIDER: Good evening. My name is Janice Guider. 18 19 And Connie Schmidt, who just spoke, 20 and I are colleagues. We both serve, Connie as 21 president, and I am chair of what we call our 22 health equity operations.

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1 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Ms. Guider, 2 could you pull the microphone closer to you. 3 MS. GUIDER: Okay. What if I stand closer? 4 Okay. And I want to take issue 5 with the fact that there are members of this 6 community who -- where English is not their 7 first language. And I'm hoping as we go forward 8 that we would make sure that there are Spanish-speaking people here to help translate 9 10 and make sure people of this community 11 understand what's going on. 12 I also work alongside Immigrant Solidarity DuPage, and I sit on several boards 13 throughout DuPage County. Immigrant Solidarity 14 15 and PODER brought the LRS expansion project to our attention believing LRS's plan would inflict 16 17 racial and harmful environmental injustice upon the West Chicago community, particularly, the 18 19 Latin population. 20 From the beginning, we began an 21 objective and robust effort to research and validate the community's concerns. After a 22

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1 close examination of the facts, we soon realized the LRS application is not for a new waste dump, 2 instead an expansion of its current facility 3 4 with verifiable promises for increased revenue 5 inherent with proficiency in the management of 6 recyclables, reduce costs for residents, and the 7 security of local jobs for West Chicago 8 citizens. Perhaps more importantly is that 9 10 LRS's plans for growth include a facility to 11 minimize toxic particulates from escaping into 12 the atmosphere and eventual addition of electric 13 vehicles, beautification of the area with the addition of new tree plantings, and a plan right 14 15 with the promise to improve the air quality 16 around this industrial park. 17 We support LRS's application to 18 expand because plans demonstrates the potential 19 to become even a better stakeholder and to 20 positively influence the health of all residents 21 in the West Chicago and greater DuPage County 22 community.

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1 Thank you. 2 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you, 3 Ms. Guider. Next is Greg Walstra, followed by 4 5 Barbara Laimins. 6 MR. WALSTRA: Good evening. My name is 7 Greg Walstra. I'm a resident of Wheaton. lived in DuPage County well over half my live. 8 9 And the reason that I'm here 10 supporting Lake Shore with its permit 07:24:14PM application is that I've been involved in the 11 12 waste industry for over 20 years in three different states. And I know people talk about 13 14 their studies and the radiuses, but I can tell you that, in my opinion, it is absolutely absurd 15 that DuPage County, with about a million people, 16 17 only has one municipal solid waste transfer. 18 Effectively, DuPage County is 19 exporting its garbage, and along with it, we're 20 exporting the revenue that goes with it, and the jobs that go with it. And the issue -- My 21 opinion is certainly not about capacity. It's 22

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1	about competition. Without Without disposal
2	options, waste haulers are hurt and competition
3	is reduced and prices go up.
4	In the last five years, I've worked
5	for a law firm in Wheaton, and we consult with
6	several small waste haulers because of my
7	industry experience. And I can tell you that,
8	you know, some people have been obviously hurt,
9	some people have had to sell out or go out of
10	business just because without those disposal
11	options, it just it hurts the small hauler.
12	It hurts competition, raises the price, and
13	ultimately, you know, reduces freedom. It's
14	Economics 101.
15	So thank you.
16	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you,
17	Mr. Walstra.
18	Next up is Barbara Laimins,
19	followed by David Sabathne, and Omar Espinosa is
20	on deck.
21	MS. LAIMINS: Hi. With your
22	permission, I would like to hold my comments

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until next week at City Hall, after I've heard 1 2 all the testimony. 3 Thank you. 4 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Okay. Thank 5 you. 6 Next is Dave Sabathne, followed by 7 Omar Espinosa, and then John Stoetzel. 8 MR. SABATHNE: Good evening. My name is David Sabathne. 9 10 Other than a few formative years, I'm a lifelong resident of West Chicago. I feel 11 12 like brain cells are just dying by the minutes sometimes. I mean, I -- I can't possibly be the 13 only one who listened -- I'm not an attorney. 14 15 I'm not an environmentalist, and I'm not an 16 appraiser, but the idea that we would even analyze, say, an appropriate analysis would be 17 18 to take a facility that was built and compare 19 the property values. 20 Using the pig farm, the only 21 comparison is, tell me what the values did when 22 you built a pig farm next to a pig farm.

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Everything else is irrelevant because there 1 2 already exists a pig farm. 3 Like I said, I've been a resident 4 of West Chicago my whole life. I'm president and CEO of the Western DuPage Chamber of 5 6 Commerce. I'm a former alderman of the City of West Chicago, former Scoutmaster at the age of 7 21, a former commissioner for the DuPage Airport 8 Authority, so I'm familiar with Mr. Luetkehans, 9 and I chair a state-wide committee on workforce 10 11 development, and I'm a trained economic 12 developer. The short version is I'm old, 13 experienced, I love my community such that I've 14 15 committed my life to serving it. 16 This experience as a councilman is most relevant. While serving, we successfully 17 won a decades-long battle of the largest brown 18 19 field in the country, 1.2 billion-dollar clean 20 up of thorium in our community. That resulted 21 in citizens becoming active and being able to 22 talk about Picocuries and life cycles and -- and

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technical issues and bringing that to our 1 2 legislatures and getting it done. 3 Doris Karpiel, one of the great 4 legal minds in environmental (indiscernible) 5 Gainus (phonetic) and a bunch of people helped 6 But through that process, we learned a 7 whole bunch of things. As a result, it led us to further good decisions. 8 While Lake Michigan water runs in 9 10 tubes through West Chicago, we don't access it. 11 We built our own water treatment plant. Because 12 we don't take the word of everyone else, we do our own study and to find out what's good for 13 14 our community. And so instead of tying on to 15 Lake Michigan water, we built a new water 16 treatment plant, and as a result, our water 17 rates are less, our quality is higher, our 18 capacity is virtually unlimited, and we have 19 control over that element. We're very proud of 20 that. 21 We looked at a lot of things, 22 potassium -- and reverse osmosis, ion exchange,

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1 do we use sodium chloride, you know, calcium chloride? What do we do? And you know what? 2 3 The same thing happened when VFI came with a proposal of a transfer station in our community. 4 5 Yeah, we had some of the neighbors who, you know, imagine -- as most people do -- garbage 6 7 smells. You may have the same opinion about compost piles -- it's actually dump really --8 but I -- I -- I understand the assumption, but 9 10 we don't live on assumptions. 11 So what did we do when that 12 proposal came? The mayor at that time, Steve 13 Lakics, and alderman, Brenda Douglas, our public works director, Ken Dean (phonetic), and I drove 14 15 to Minneapolis to find the most similar facility 16 that we could find. And we went into it and we 17 stayed there and we used this, like, backhoe 18 function and packed a few trucks, and then we 19 walked the neighborhood and we talked to the 20 businesses and said, What kind of neighbor do 21 you have here? How has it been? 22 We don't have any problems. We

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1 love the convenience when we need to get rid of a couch or something, but for all practical 2 3 purpose, there isn't a problem. 4 So the assumption may be based on a 5 principle that we all generally agree with, but 6 in practice, it's not the reality. 7 I think this proposal meets the spirit and intent of the use and to -- to pick 8 apart and say, Well, here is what the coach 9 10 says, to limit this because of a residential 11 zoning that -- that a house could never be built 12 on, would be like protecting an area of grass 13 because it was set aside to protect the species 14 while realizing that the species went extinct 15 50 years ago. It could be similar to somebody 16 17 saying, Here are forms, fill out and make sure that put on your home phone number, and then 18 19 rejecting it because they included a cell phone 20 number, which isn't technically at a home, but 21 it could be. I mean, please. We see through 22

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We've see the Columbo, Houdini kind of, 1 this. you know, antics here, but that's what we see. 2 3 One of the things we learned about 4 the environment is that when you hide money, 5 when you cover it all up, it gets a smell. When 6 something smells a little funny, you kind of 7 follow the money trail to find out where the 8 bulldung is. Now, LRS clearly is transparent. 9 10 They know what they're -- you know, their vested 11 interest is in this. Yes, they're a business 12 for profit, and they expect to do that. 13 How the other side affords the 14 high-powered attorneys they have here sure as 15 heck didn't get there by a neighborhood bake 16 sale. To think so, would be naive. 17 Now, West Chicago is more 18 environmentally sensitive, aware, educated, and I'm proud to say, responsible. We have a long 19 20 history of protecting our community, the region 21 and the benefits to our community and our 22 residents, and we have unequal capacity to do

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our own research, weigh our options, and do what 1 is best for our community. That's why you have 2 3 support letters from the City of West Chicago and so many residents believe strongly in 4 5 approval of this project. 6 Thank you. 7 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you. Next is Mr. Omar Espinosa. 8 He'11 be followed by John Stoetzel. 9 10 MR. ESPINOSA: Hello. My name is Omar 11 Espinosa, and I could see myself, probably one 12 of the few minorities here. 13 And I belong at the Lions Club at 14 West Chicago. I belong at the Rotary Club of 15 West Chicago. I'm a board member of the Mexican 16 Culture Center. I'm a board member of 17 Neighborhood Food Pantries. I'm a board member of H.O.M.E. DuPage. As you can see, I'm in 18 19 DuPage most of the time. I don't live in 20 DuPage, but I work in DuPage. I've been working 21 here for ten years, and I am in favor of the 22 construction expansion of LRS.

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1 As a minority, I think that also will benefit the people here for more jobs as 2 well. 3 4 So thank you. 5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're the 6 majority here, not a minority. 7 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: All right. 8 This isn't a debate. It's public comment. We're not going to have that, or else we'll be 9 excusing people. 10 07:34:06PM 11 Next is Mr. John Stoetzel, followed 12 by Mr. Mike Hampson. 13 MR. STOETZEL: Hi. My name is John Stoetzel, and I've lived and worked in DuPage 14 15 County since I moved to the Village of Wayne in 16 I was elected to the Village Board of 17 Wayne in 1975 and served as president from 1980 18 through 1986. So I'm very aware of this area. 19 My involvement with this specific 20 property being considered tonight, which is 07:34:36PM 21 immediately north of Lake Shore's recycling 22 proposed transfer station was when I was

appointed around 1996 by LaSalle Bank to oversee 1 the redevelopment of a parcel that had been 2 3 foreclosed on and laid fallow for a number of 4 There was a bankruptcy and an vears. environmental issue at the time. 5 6 We were able to find a tenant for 7 the vacant 80,000-square-foot building that, in 8 fact, has been occupied ever since. We were 9 also able to develop two parcels of property 10 with industrial buildings both down the street 11 from the Groot facility. 12 Today I stand to represent current owners of that property, Maxwell Properties, 13 LLC. The property north of Lakeside [sic] 14 15 Recycling property. We appreciate the 16 relationship we've had with Lakeside as a 17 property owner and a responsible neighbor. 18 I fully endorse Lake Shore's Recycling as an investment in West Chicago. 19 20 Thank you. 21 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Next is 22 Mr. Mike Hampson, followed by Peter Polous.

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1 MR. HAMPSON: Good evening. Thank you. My name is Mike Hampson. 2 I'm the executive secretary of Chicagoland Associated 3 General Contractors. CAGC is a union-based 4 5 construction trade association with over 6 200 general contractors, specialty contractors, 7 suppliers, and development members. The CAGC fully supports the LRS 8 9 waste transfer station. In an industry where 10 competition is on the thinnest of margins, 11 having a more -- having more competition will 12 greatly benefit contractors and the industry. As a 20-year member of Chicagoland 13 AGC, LRS continues to be a great industry 14 15 partner helping the contractors achieve lead -lead points while building a silver or gold 16 17 level green buildings. An additional transfer station in 18 19 the second largest county where we have a strong 20 member base would allow contractors to have an 21 additional choice. And in the case of LRS, the 22 choice of having a leader in recycling

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1	construction materials.
2	Thank you.
3	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Next is
4	Mr. Peter Polous.
5	MR. POLOUS: Good evening. My name is
6	Peter Polous. I'm a commercial real estate
7	broker focused in the industrial building
8	material trade market and very familiar with the
9	waste industry, the requirements of general
10	contractors in DuPage County.
11	I spend a lot of time trying to
12	site facilities, logistics sites, industrial
13	sites, quarries, mines, landfills, and I feel
14	that this is an excellent location, incredible
15	opportunity for the Village or City of West
16	Chicago, county of DuPage County for asset
17	engagement, reducing the carbon footprint that
18	Lake Shore would have by having this facility
19	increasing competition.
20	And competition is excellent. It
21	all makes us better. It's a win-win for
22	everybody the consumer, the customers, and

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	1	the competitors.
	2	Thank you.
	3	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: All right.
	4	That concludes the list of people I was informed
	5	needed to go and weren't able to go next week.
	6	I have 17 other people who have registered to
	7	give oral public comment.
	8	Do any of those other 17 wish to
	9	speak this evening?
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	11	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: All right.
	12	It's 7:40.
	13	Why don't we do this. You said the
	14	direct won't be long with Mr. Lardner. So why
	15	don't we put the direct on, and then we'll take
	16	a break.
	17	Okay. Again, for everybody's
	18	reference, next week we are meeting on Monday
	19	from 1:00 to 5:00, and again Thursday 1:00 to
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	21	the work will be performed. If we need
	22	additional time after that, we'll have to figure

1 that out. We'll see how it goes. 2 Public comment can be either of 3 those days for the 18 people remaining. 4 18 because I'm now including Ms. Laimins. 5 wanted to speak next week. 6 So for you 18, that will be your 7 opportunity. For everybody else who hasn't 8 registered to give oral public comment, again, 9 10 you're welcome to submit your comment in written 11 form at any time, and that will be up to 30 days 12 after the hearing concludes. It will be your opportunity to do that. That's by statute. We 13 14 welcome that information and after that, then 15 we -- we're going to be in a bit of a sprint to 16 allow city council to take action on the 17 application. 18 So with that, is the witness --19 Mr. Lardner, why don't you come back. I'm going to grab the microphone. You're still under 20 21 oath, Mr. Lardner. MR. LARDNER: Yes, I understand. 22

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1	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: With that,
2	Mr. Luetkehans, the floor is yours.
3	WHEREUPON:
4	JOHN LARDNER,
5	called as a witness herein, having been
6	previously duly sworn, was examined and
7	testified as follows:
8	DIRECT EXAMINATION
9	BY MR. LUETKEHANS:
10	Q. Mr. Lard Okay. You have in front
11	of you PWC Exhibit 800. That's your
12	Did you do a report in this matter
13	regarding Criterion 8 for this property?
14	A. Yes, I did.
15	Q. And that's PWC 800?
16	A. That is correct.
17	Q. Okay. And then also in front of
18	you and in front of everybody else, for the
19	record is PWC 801.
20	Do you see that?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. Is that your Is that the PowerPoint

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plan you prepared --1 2 Yes. Α. 3 -- in relation to Criterion 8? 0. 4 Yes. Α. 5 Okay. I'll just let you proceed. Q. 6 Α. Okay. So since we don't have our slides, I'll just go through -- I'll be reading 7 more than I normally would here. 8 9 So what I'm -- what I did was 10 prepare a review on Criterion 8. My original 11 slide said Criteria 8, plural, because I was 12 doing 1 and 8. So this one is on Criterion 8, for the proposed West DuPage recycling and 13 14 transfer station in West Chicago. 15 That's a solid waste management 16 plan consistency review. The requirement is 17 that if the facility is to be located in a 18 county where the county board has adopted a solid waste management plan, consistent with the 19 20 planning requirements that a local solid --21 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Could 22 you slow down a little.

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1 THE WITNESS: Okay. THE COURT REPORTER: You're reading, so 2 you're going a little fast for me. 3 BY THE WITNESS: 4 5 If the facility is to be located in a Α. 6 county where the county board has adopted a 7 solid waste management plan consistent with the planning requirements of the Local Solid Waste 8 Disposal Act or Solid Waste Planning and 9 Recycling Act, the facility is consistent with 10 that plan. 11 12 Again, going over my background, I'm a professional engineer with over 35 years 13 of experience in the solid waste field. 14 15 registered professional engineer in Illinois and 16 Indiana. I have a B.S. in civil engineering 17 from Michigan State University and a master's of 18 science in civil engineering from the University 19 of Illinois, and I've prepared solid waste 20 manage plan consistency [sic] and testimony or 21 actually for four waste-related facilities in 22 Illinois, two of which were transfer stations.

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1 And I've been a design engineer for 2 over 22 solid waste projects in Illinois and 3 Indiana. And I'm a member of professional 4 associations related to the solid waste 5 industry, those being the Solid Waste 6 Association of North America, U.S. Composting Council, American Society of Civil Engineers, 7 Illinois Recycling Association where I'm a 8 current board member, and the Illinois Food 9 10 Scrap and Composting Coalition, where I'm also a 11 current board member. 12 So what I'm going to review here is the best solid waste -- DuPage County solid 13 14 waste management plan and their five-year 15 I'm going to review a past transfer updates. 16 siting consistency determination in unincorporated DuPage County near this location, 17 18 and provide a summary and conclusion. 19 Now, the 1991 solid waste 20 management plan prepared for DuPage County was 21 one that all the counties in Illinois were 22 required to do. They were given budgets from

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the State of Illinois to do solid waste 1 2 planning. And the goal was there to recycle 25 percent of their waste stream. 3 4 DuPage County prepared their solid 5 waste management plan and gave us four sections; 6 one was the report, and there was three sections 7 that were appendices. In the report, first there is seven 8 9 One was an introduction and 10 requirement and talked about previous planning 11 efforts; two, was existing solid waste management systems and their need; three was 12 13 solid waste management systems; four was 14 education and information system; five was 15 definitions of proposed solid waste management 16 systems; six was implementation issues; and 17 seven was a plan of action. And so in that study, they also 18 19 looked at the demographics of DuPage County, the 20 population. They also looked at waste 21 generation and disposal capabilities, similar 22 needs analysis that has been done for this

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project and which I testified on earlier evening 1 for this process. 2 3 They also looked at different ways for recycling by commodity, for instance, like 4 5 paper, glass containers. They also looked at 6 opportunities for construction and demolition 7 debris recycling, for landscape material recycling, and food scrap recycling. And they 8 9 also looked at waste processing, disposal, and 10 transfer options. 11 And the recommendations at that 12 time for waste transfer was to evaluate its practicality, perform a siting analysis for if 13 they were proposed, and then continue on with 14 15 land filling of solid waste. 16 In the next slide that I had, I had 17 the 1991 solid waste management plan 18 recommendation, but actually this is one from 19 1996, and I'll read that: The County should 20 encourage development of three to five waste 21 transfer facilities throughout the County. 22 County should assist the private sector in

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determining the most appropriate and efficient 1 2 locations for transfer facilities, and providing 3 education and appropriate tours to 4 municipalities, townships, or any other people 5 interested in knowing more about transfer 6 stations. 7 Going on to the 2001 solid waste 8 management plan update, in terms of the transfer station disposal capacity, the plan -- and I'll 9 10 quote -- The permanent capacity of the DuKane 11 transfer station be increased from 1500 tons per 12 day to 2500 tons per day with a proportionate 13 increase in acceptance at the facility for waste 14 generated in DuPage County. 15 And a second recommendation was 16 that a second and/or third transfer stations 17 should be sized to accommodate the 350,000 tons 18 of waste per year and accommodate future population growth and subsequent waste 19 20 generation. 21 A second and/or third transfer 22 station is expected to increase competition,

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1 reduce wear on roads, reduce overall truck miles 2 traveled, and decrease truck air emissions. 3 So in that second recommendation. 4 was one that a second transfer station would incentivize haulers to use -- use it due to a 5 6 shorter hauling distance rather than go to 7 DuKane transfer station; and that two, that 8 the -- the second or third transfer station 9 would be closer to other DuPage communities that 10 were not as close to the DuKane facility thereby 11 reducing the wear on roads and overall truck 12 miles. 13 Then going on to the 2007 solid 14 waste management plan -- and I will, you know, 15 paraphrase or read from that -- it says: In 16 2002, DuKane's capacity was increased to 17 3,000 tons per day. Three new transfer stations 18 have been proposed since the last update, 19 however, none were approved. Transfer 20 facilities have been constructed outside the 21 county border that are close enough to serve our 22 needs.

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1 So, for instance, they -- in this 2 case, they recognized that the DuKane capacity 3 at 3,000 tons per day was somewhat of a safety 4 valve in case other transfer stations were not 5 And that there were other facilities 6 outside the county that was being located in 7 Cook County and in Kane County. In Kane, there was the Elburn transfer station and a Batavia 8 9 transfer station. And in Cook County, there was 10 that Bluff City transfer station. 11 A second recommendation in the 12 2007 solid waste management plan update was to 13 provide an accurate snapshot of the current 14 disposal waste disposal capacity. An evaluation 15 was done of existing transfer stations and 16 disposal facilities. The County was divided 17 into quadrants and the consultant whom they hired at the time. Shaw Environmental, reviewed 18 19 the nearest three transfer stations to each 20 quadrant. The ideal transport distance is no 21 more than ten miles. Out of ten tran- -- ten 22 stations that were analyzed, only two facilities

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serving southern DuPage County failed to meet 1 this criteria. 2 3 And so I had showed in earlier 4 Figure 1 in this -- in the application, and it is Slide No. 13, is that the -- there are fewer 5 6 transfer stations options in the southern part of DuPage County. I think there was two 7 compared to, I think, four up in the northwest 8 9 and as many as six in the southwest. 10 Number two, this is kind of where 11 the ten-mile radius comes into for use in a 12 service area delineation. Number three, recommendation they said that the position at 13 this time is to rely on existing transfer 14 15 stations both inside and outside the County 16 While this reliance comes at a cost of 17 higher disposal rates, it is preferred method. 18 This method will serve the county needs for five 19 more years. 20 And then the next -- in my 21 PowerPoint presentation, I -- I showed where the analysis was made as part of the 2007 solid 22

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waste management plan. The consultant at the 1 time divided DuPage County into centroids or 2 population geographic centers and looked at what 3 transfer stations were available to those four 4 5 centroids within DuPage County. 6 So, for instance, in the northeast 7 centroid, they looked at the three transfer stations outside of Cook County, that being the 8 Groot Chicago transfer station, the Melrose Park 9 10 transfer station, and the Northlake transfer 11 station. 12 In the northwest portion of DuPage County, they looked at -- from that population 13 centroid -- the Bluff City transfer station in 14 15 Cook County, the DuKane transfer station that was in DuPage County, and the Batavia transfer 16 17 station in Kane County. 18 They looked at the service areas of 19 transfer stations proximate to the southwest 20 DuPage County. And those at the time, were the DuKane transfer station, the Batavia transfer 21 22 station and the west Elburn transfer station.

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1 And then the transfer stations to the southeast of DuPage County were in the -- in 2 Cook County, those were the Heartland transfer 3 station, now owned by Lake Shore Recycling; the 4 Liberty transfer station and the Groot McCook 5 6 transfer station, which is now Waste Connections. 7 And in that slide, they showed a --8 9 again, a circular service area that did not or 10 just barely covered the -- where the southeast 11 quadrant of the population was located. 12 So now going to the 2012 solid 13 waste management plan update, that rec- -- the 14 recommendation there was factors that contribute 15 to the need for new facilities are increasing 16 population, rising waste generation rate, and 17 fuel operating costs. Future conditions may 18 necessitate a new facility in the southern 19 portion of the county. 20 The maps and table from 2007 --21 again, the maps that were those figures of the 22 quadrants -- indicate that this area is somewhat

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1 underserved and that some areas are out of range 2 for existing facilities. These conditions can result in less competitive waste hauling and 3 higher costs especially in unincorporated areas. 4 5 So in this case, they were looking 6 at costs that might be more than residents were 7 willing to pay because they didn't have the -the density for the number of customers that a 8 hauling company would desire to make it 9 profitable for them to serve them. So in this 10 11 case -- case, they might be treated like a rural 12 area where in rural areas they actually have a transfer station where people bring their bags 13 of waste to whatever and the recycling materials 14 15 to and drop it off. And it's generally secured 16 or guarded, and then that's how waste is handled 17 in rural areas if it's not picked up by a waste hauler. 18 19 And then another conclusion in --20 or recommendation in 2012 solid waste management 21 plan was, it is potentially foreseeable that the 22 out-of-county facilities may cease serving all

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1 or parts of the current DuPage area. In the event that occurs, there would be a service gap 2 in the affected areas, thereby creating a 3 potential need for a new facility. 4 5 Well, these concerns were unfounded 6 because facilities that served these 7 out-of-county facilities that were serving DuPage County never ceased to -- never ceased to 8 stop serving them, and that they were providing 9 10 hauling services at prices that communities were willing to pay. 11 12 And in Figure 1-2C in the applicant's application, they showed a colored 13 coordinated map of DuPage County and some kind 14 15 of surrounding areas color-coded by the 16 different hauling companies that were serving to 17 communities in DuPage County. And there were 18 six hauling companies that were actually serving 19 them at the time. So that concern that there 20 would not be a service to these communities was 21 somewhat unfounded. 22 And then going on to the 2017 solid

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waste management plan update -- and, again, I'm 1 going to read from the recommendation -- is that 2 the DuKane transfer facility is permitted to 3 4 accept up to 3,000 tons per day -- per operating 5 day. So it could move 939,000 tons per year. 6 However, service areas must be considered as 7 well as the market forces of private sector waste hauling entities, large regions of the 8 county are not optimally served due to the 9 10 lengthy transportation routes which lead to 11 increased costs and air emission. To address 12 this, the County of DuPage will consider new or 13 expanded facilities handling, treating and recycling waste on a case-by-case basis. 14 15 Now, I want to make four points 16 One, where they talked about service 17 areas must be considered as well as the market 18 forces, there are close by transfer stations 19 available outside the county that have been 20 capacity to provide transfer station services 21 here. 22 Number two, they talked about

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1 market forces. Here, the market forces we're 2 talking about the lengthy transportation routes 3 would lead -- which were leading to costs, these 4 being distance. So what -- you know, talked about costs that residents were willing to -- to 5 6 pay versus their -- you know, the hauling costs 7 that a provider might be encountering. And then, again, spoke to the 8 amount -- the density or the number of stops 9 10 that a waste hauling company can make, the more 11 that -- the closer in proximity, the easier it 12 is for them to make the cost, cost less. And then three, they talked about 13 regions that optimally served are in the south 14 15 part -- part of DuPage County per the 16 2012 update. Again, they were talking about the 17 service in the -- the market wasn't providing 18 optimally serving the south part of DuPage 19 County at the time. Again, this is 2017. 20 And then they also talked about that DuPage County will consider new or 21 22 expanding facilities. Now, the word

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1 "consider" -- and I looked at the definition -it means, think carefully about something before 2 making a decision. That implies that the County 3 would evaluate any new transfer station project. 4 5 And so in terms of being consistent 6 with the solid waste plan, you can see that these -- there's been concerns from 1996 on 7 through 2017, which is the last solid waste 8 9 management plan update. There actually was a 10 2003 siting application called west DuPage recycling and transfer. There was a siting in 11 12 that year, and it was for a facility about a mile from the proposed facility, the west DuPage 13 Recycling and transfer siting that's going on 14 15 now. And the board -- DuPage County 16 17 board prepared a resolution as part of that siting, and I'll read two -- two paragraphs from 18 19 The application of -that: 20 MR. MUELLER: I'm going to object to a 21 previous resolution because it's not relevant to 22 this proceeding.

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1 MR. LUETKEHANS: I think it is relevant because this is the actual board that passes 2 3 this solid waste management plan. 4 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Overruled, that 5 the objection --6 Go on, Mr. Lardner. 7 BY THE WITNESS: Okay. The -- The resolution said the 8 Α. application of West DuPage recycling and 9 10 transfer for siting -- for siting approval for 11 the West DuPage transfer recycling and transfer 12 is hereby denied. The applicant has also failed to meet its burden in establishing Criterion 13 No. 8 in that the proposed facility is 14 15 inconsistent with the solid waste disposal plan 16 of DuPage County because the proposed facility 17 location is within one-quarter mile of another transfer station and fails to reduce wear on 18 19 roads, reduces -- reduces overall truck miles 20 traveled, and decreased truck air emissions. 21 As part of that siting process, the 22 City of West -- West Chicago prepared a

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resolution on April 7th, 2003, and it stated: 1 Whereas the County of DuPage, the County has 2 previously adopted a solid waste management 3 4 plan -- the plan that calls for siting of five 5 waste transfer stations to be located throughout 6 the county and, whereas granting a siting 7 approval violated the terms of the plan by placing two transfer stations within the same 8 community's planning area. 9 10 In the application, there was a 11 letter from the DuPage County Building and 12 Zoning, April 20th. The letter was addressed to 13 West Chicago, and I'm going to read a paragraph 14 from that letter. 15 It says: The document finds that 16 service areas of existing facilities be 17 considered as well as market forces. Ιt observes that the County lacks disposal capacity 18 for the waste generated within the borders, and 19 20 that additional pollution control facilities may 21 be needed but will be considered on a 22 case-by-case basis. The proposed pollution

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control facility appears to be consistent with 1 the aforementioned solid waste management plan 2 3 year update in (2017.) 4 Four points to make there. All transfer stations service areas, not 5 says: 6 just those for a particular waste transfer 7 service application, in this case, the West DuPage recycling and transfer station. 8 two, the lack of disposal capacity in the south 9 10 in the 2000 update speaks to other portions of 11 the county that were -- that needed service. 12 Number three, again, consider -think carefully about -- before making a 13 No information was provided along 14 decision. 15 with that letter to indicate what DuPage County 16 thought about the West DuPage recycling and 17 transfer project. 18 In that letter, it says the 19 facility appears to be consistent with the 20 aforementioned solid waste management plan 21 five-year update. Appears -- Again, the 22 definition of appears is: Give impression that.

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1 There is no statement that it is consistent. It 2 says appears consistent. 3 39.2 states that the facility is consistent, not the facility appears consistent 4 5 with the county's solid waste management plan. 6 So my conclusion is that the West 7 DuPage recycling and transfer station is inconsistent with the DuPage County solid waste 8 management plan for the following reasons: 9 10 solid waste management plan updates starting in 11 2007 all focus on the need for additional 12 transfer capacity in the south portion of DuPage County. Adding another transfer station in the 13 northwest portion of DuPage County will serve as 14 15 a disincentive to a south -- south facility 16 because it requires more travel from 17 underserved -- underserved areas. It's still --It's still got to service out the area. 18 19 The siting application for the West 20 DuPage RTS did not consider service areas of 21 other pollution control facilities, nor did it 22 ask DuPage to consider it prior to filing the

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	1	application. There was no evidence of that in
	2	the in the DuPage County review.
	3	And there is no mention of the
	4	siting application that the assistance of DuPage
	5	County was requested by the applicant with
	6	determining the most appropriate location for
	7	transfer facilities.
	8	That concludes my presentation.
	9	Q. Do you have an opinion, based on your
Μ	10	experience in the industry and your experience
	11	and education as an engineer, as to whether this
	12	proposed waste transfer station application
	13	meets Criterion 8?
	14	A. It does not meet Criterion 8 because
	15	it is not consistent with the plan.
	16	Q. And that's based on your experience in
	17	the industry and your experience as an engineer?
	18	A. Correct.
	19	MR. LUETKEHANS: Nothing further of
Μ	20	this witness.
	21	Thank you.
	22	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: All right.
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      let's come back together at 8:20.
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                HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Do you have
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      questions, sir?
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                MR. DELAROSA: At this time, no.
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      Mr. Lardner is getting something. Mr. DeLaRosa
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      doesn't have questions.
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      soon to be up.
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                    Okay. All right. Back to you.
      Mr. Mueller has the floor.
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                       CROSS-EXAMINATION
      BY MR. MUELLER:
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                 Mr. Lardner, the 1991 plan
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      recommendation called for three to five transfer
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      stations in DuPage County?
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Okay. It did call for three to five 1 Ο. transfer stations? 2 3 Α. That is correct. How many transfer stations does DuPage 4 0. County have? 5 6 Α. One. And the 2001 plan update referred to a 7 0. second and third transfer stations, right? 8 9 Correct. Α. DuPage County still only has one, 10 Q. 08:20:46PM 11 correct? 12 Yes. Α. And that plan noted that the second 13 and third transfer stations would increase 14 15 competition. Do you agree with that statement? 16 That's what it says. Α. 17 Do you agree with it? Q. It says -- Rephrase the question. 18 Α. 19 Do you agree with the conclusion of Q. 20 DuPage County that a second or third transfer 08:21:12PM 21 station would increase competition? 22 I think a second or third transfer Α.

station did have the potential for increasing 1 2 competition. I'm looking at the language from the 3 4 plan. I can't see the word "potential" in 5 there? 6 MR. LUETKEHANS: It was -- Objection. 7 He answered the question. The question was, what is your -- do you disagree with it? He 8 stated what he believed. 9 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Overruled. 10 Let the witness do it. 11 12 BY THE WITNESS: Are you asking me to read what was in 13 Α. 14 the plan? 15 Well, no. DuPage County -- Do you Q. agree with DuPage County's statement, correct? 16 17 Α. In essence, yes. 18 And do you agree with DuPage County's 19 statement that a second or third transfer 20 station would reduce wear on roads? 21 Depending on its location. Α. 22 Q. Do you agree with DuPage County's

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statement that a second or third transfer 1 2 station would reduce overall truck miles? 3 Again, depending on where it's Α. located. 4 Well, the county just sought -- made 5 Q. 6 the statement without regard to location, didn't 7 it? I think it implies that it was there 8 Α. to accommodate future population growth, meaning 9 10 that areas where population growth was 08:22:44PM increasing would need a transfer station because 11 12 of the distance having to travel to the DuKane transfer station. 13 Mr. Lardner, I don't know what it 14 15 implies because I just can -- I read the words. You apparently are able to see into the minds of 16 17 the people in DuPage County that passed this plan update. 18 19 MR. LUETKEHANS: Objection, 20 argumentative. 08:23:13PM 21 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Sustained. 22

	1	BY MR. MUELLER:
	2	Q. Now, did you hear the testimony of
	3	Mr. Hock that our proposed facility will
	4	increase competition?
	5	A. I remember that.
	6	Q. Did you hear the testimony of Mr. Hock
	7	that our proposed facility would reduce wear on
	8	roads?
	9	A. I think that was his opinion, yes.
08:23:40PM	10	Q. Did you hear the testimony of Mr. Hock
	11	that our transfer station, if tit's approved,
	12	would reduce overall truck miles traveled?
	13	A. In which county?
	14	Q. In DuPage County.
	15	A. If it's in DuPage County, yes, I
	16	remember hearing him say that.
	17	Q. And did you hear his testimony that a
	18	second transfer station, our transfer station,
	19	would decrease truck air emissions?
08:24:09PM	20	A. Yes, that was his his statement.
	21	Q. Now, DuPage County, when they wrote
	22	the 2001 solid waste management plan update,

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apparently thought all of those benefits were --
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      were -- were useful and important, right?
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      put together that statement, they were looking
      at transfer stations that would serve DuPage
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      County or that the hauling distance was somewhat
      prohibitive or too far from the DuKane transfer
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      2007 plan update. I don't see any reference to
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      distance. Am I missing something?
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	1	plan update?
	2	A. No. It's alluded to by reducing
	3	overall truck miles traveled, and it's the
	4	distance.
	5	Q. Let's go to the 2007 plan update.
	6	That plan also recommended more
	7	transfer stations for DuPage County, correct?
	8	A. I don't see anywhere where they
	9	recommended that at the time, I mean, through my
08:26:30PM	10	slide here.
	11	Q. Have you read the entire plan?
	12	A. Yes.
	13	Q. Did the plan recommend more transfer
	14	stations or didn't it?
	15	A. I don't recall that it did.
	16	Q. You don't recall that it did or you
	17	don't recall either way?
	18	A. Either way.
	19	Q. Okay. And the the blurb that you
08:26:51PM	20	quoted does say "the ideal transport distance is
	21	no more than ten miles."
	22	Do you agree with that statement?

I think there -- yeah, I would agree 1 in -- in -- in concept that the -- the goal here 2 was to try and find transport facilities or 3 facilities that would serve -- transfer stations 4 5 that would serve the community so that no more 6 than ten miles had to be traveled. 7 Then why are you using more than ten 0. 8 miles for some of your service areas? 9 Because at the time these were the 10 service areas that were identified from the 11 siting application. 12 From what siting application? Ο. 13 For instance, the -- the Plano Α. 14 transfer station siting application, there's 15 more than ten miles traveled. Now you got me confused. Let's do it 16 0. 17 again. 18 Do you -- You agree, apparently, 19 that the ideal travel distance for transfer 20 stations is no more than ten miles, right? 21 Again, there's a lot that goes into Α. 22 that.

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Yes or no? 1 Ο. 2 I would say no. Α. Okay. So you disagree with DuPage 3 Ο. County's finding here about the ideal travel 4 5 distance? 6 I don't think it's an exact number. So I would say I would have to disagree. 7 could be -- It could be a little bit more than 8 that. It could be less. 9 You understand what the words "no more 10 Q. than ten miles" mean, don't you? 11 12 Yes. Α. 11 miles would be more than ten? 13 0. 14 Α. Right. Correct. 15 But you disagree with that statement Q. by DuPage County? 16 17 Α. I don't disagree with the exact number 18 there. I'm just saying that ten miles, 19 depending on where you're at, could be the 20 equivalent of a few more miles because of, you know, conditions. 21 22 This plan update didn't talk about Q.

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distances in terms of road conditions or other 1 2 variables, did it? It was talking about the -- the 3 No. Α. mileage from different quadrants in DuPage 4 5 County. 6 And I noticed that this particular Q. 7 update also connects reliance on existing transfer stations as resulting or could result 8 in higher disposal rates, right? 9 10 Which plan are you referring to? Α. 08:29:51PM 11 Q. 2007 plan update. 12 I don't see that in my -- in my slide. Α. Which of the plan updates said that 13 0. reliance on existing facilities will result in 14 15 higher disposal rates? 16 I think that was a 2017 where it says 17 will lead to increase costs. Large regions in the county are not optimally served due to 18 19 lengthy transportation routes which lead to 20 increased costs and air emissions. 08:30:53PM 21 So as recently as 2017, the county found that reliance on existing transfer 22

stations will result in higher disposal rates, 1 2 correct? 3 That was the 2012 solid waste Α. 4 management plan. It says: These conditions can 5 result in less competitive waste hauling and 6 higher costs especially in incorporated areas. 7 Do you agree with that statement? 0. In concept, it could. 8 Α. And would higher disposal rates 9 0. 10 generally be a bad thing? 11 No. Α. 12 So if you had a choice of paying a Ο. lower rate or a higher rate, it wouldn't matter 13 14 to you? If I was getting better service at the 15 Α. 16 rate, yes, it would. 17 0. Now, turning to the next page where 18 you show service areas in the northeast part of 19 DuPage County ... 20 Α. Which slide are you referring to? 21 I don't know. It's called 2007 Shaw 0. 22 Environmental report.

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Okay. Yes. That's the -- That's 1 Α. those service area quadrants. 2 All right. You've got a transfer 3 Ο. 4 station called Groot Chicago listed. That was in there, correct. 5 Α. 6 Q. That service area is not a ten-mile radius circle, is it? 7 It's not a circle. It's more of a 8 Α. rectangle. 9 It's a big rectangle that goes from 10 Q. Lake Michigan all the way to the western edge of 11 12 DuPage County? Correct. 13 Α. 14 Ο. Would that be more than 20 miles? 15 I don't have a scale on this drawing Α. so I -- I can't make an exact --16 17 Let me -- Let me try to help you here, Q. 18 sir. 19 Do you know what township lines 20 are? 21 Α. Yes. 22 How big is a standard township? Q.

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It six miles by six miles. 1 Α. Okay. And DuPage County is, other 2 0. than the southeast corner, three townships by 3 4 three townships, right? Yes. 5 Α. 6 So DuPage County's regular width, from east to west, is 18 miles? 7 8 Correct. Α. And the service area for Groot Chicago 9 10 appears to be almost twice the width of DuPage County, right? 11 12 Well, maybe not twice, but it's larger Α. than DuPage County, I'll grant that. 13 So why aren't we using the county's 14 0. 15 recommendation for a ten-mile maximum travel 16 distance when we look at Groot Chicago? 17 Α. Because I think that it was the county's reliance on out-of-county disposal 18 19 services, even though it said it might increase 20 costs. 21 So when the county looks at 22 out-of-county transfer stations, the ten-mile

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rule doesn't apply? 1 I think they're showing portions of 2 the county with- -- you know, with- -- within a 3 ten-mile radius of the -- that Groot Chicago 4 transfer station. 5 6 Can -- Can you, sir, show me anywhere 7 in the plan update -- any of the plan updates where the county writes that the ten-mile rule 8 no longer applies? 9 10 I don't think -- There was nothing Α. They said this was an ideal location or 11 there. 12 ideal distance they had quoted. All right. Let's look at the next 13 Ο. page, comes from Appendix F: Service areas of 14 15 transfer stations proximate to northwest DuPage County. 16 17 Do you see that? 18 Α. Yes. 19 And there's a big circle that Q. surrounds the Batavia transfer station, correct? 20 21 Α. Correct. 22 What's the radius of that circle, sir? Q.

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1 I think that was 15 miles. As I 2 mentioned earlier this evening, that was a 3 statement out of one of their -- I think the 4 2000- -- I'm not sure exactly what solid waste plan, but it talked about a 15-mile radius. 5 6 So you abandoned DuPage County's ten-mile rule when drawing the Batavia transfer 7 8 station service area, right? In this area, you know, again, that 9 10 was the -- in this particular appendix, that's 11 what they used as the 15-mile. Again, it 12 depends on driving distance. If you're in a more developed area, ten miles could be the 13 14 equivalent of 15 miles in a rural area. 15 So do you think 15 miles is better Ο. 16 than ten or is ten better than 15, or don't you 17 know? 18 It depends on what you're talking Α. 19 about. 20 Now, let's go to the 2012 solid waste 0. 21 plan update. That's the one that says: 22 transfer stations can result in less competitive

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waste haul. 1 Do you agree with that statement? 2 It didn't talk about fewer transfer 3 Α. 4 It just says -- indicating areas are stations. somewhat underserved and then some areas are out 5 6 of range for existing facilities. It says: 7 These conditions can result in less competitive waste hauling and higher costs especially in 8 9 unincorporated areas. 10 Again, they were talking about 11 residents who lived in the southern part of the 12 county and that were too far away from -- for a 13 hauler to serve them. Now, it seems to me that several of 14 0. 15 the DuPage County plan updates talk about 16 competitive factors; is that correct? 17 Α. They're talking competition in that, you know --18 19 Well, I'm --Ο. 20 -- what -- its service. And, again, Α. 21 where they're talking about here in -- in the 22 southern portion of the county, there wasn't as

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1 much competition because there were fewer transfer stations that were -- were close enough 2 3 to serve them. Where does it say that in a plan 4 0. 5 update, what you just said? 6 Α. That- -- That's my interpretation. Ah, your interpretation. 7 0. Now, going back to my original 8 The county plan updates seem to 9 question: 10 consistently mention competitive factors as 11 something they look at, right? 12 The word "competition" is -- was in Α. several of the plans, and they also could say 13 14 "can result in less competitive." It's not a 15 definite statement. I guess I got to ask you: Do you want 16 17 to change your testimony on Criterion 1 to now include competitive factors, because you've 18 19 testified that you didn't include competitive 20 factors when deciding there was no need? 21 MR. LUETKEHANS: Objection --22 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Overruled.

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	1	MR. LUETKEHANS: misstates the
	2	testimony.
	3	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: That's
	4	overruled.
	5	BY THE WITNESS:
	6	A. So, again, your question?
	7	Q. Do you want to change your testimony
	8	on Criterion 1 where you disregarded competitive
	9	factors in concluding that there was no need?
08:40:33PM	10	A. No.
	11	Q. The 2017 or 2012 plan update suggests
	12	a possible transfer station in southern DuPage
	13	County, correct?
	14	A. That statement was there, yes.
	15	Correct.
	16	Q. Does it rule out other locations in
	17	the county?
	18	A. It makes no mention of other
	19	Q. Does that plan update say that a
08:41:09PM	20	location in a nonsouthern portion of the county
	21	is inconsistent with the plan?
	22	A. It does not say that, no.

	1	Q. And then we go to the 2017 plan
	2	update. That's the most recent one, correct?
	3	A. That is correct.
	4	Q. And that says that large areas or
	5	large regions of the county are not optimally
	6	served due to lengthy transportation routes.
	7	Do you see that?
	8	A. Yes.
	9	Q. So would lengthy transportation routes
08:41:55PM	10	be a bad thing?
	11	A. In this case, it for this Again,
	12	they're going back to the regions that were not
	13	optimally served. I interpret, again, that to
	14	be the southern part of the county that wasn't
	15	being optimally served and it was increasing the
	16	transportation costs for that area.
	17	Q. Okay. That's your interpretation?
	18	A. Correct.
	19	Q. We looked at the 2017 plan update
08:42:30PM	20	carefully and can't find any reference in there
	21	to the southern portion of the county.
	22	Have you looked at that plan update

	1	carefully?
	2	A. Yes.
	3	Q. Could you find a reference to the
	4	southern portion of the county?
	5	A. Not in a 2017 waste management plan
	6	update.
	7	Q. So if it doesn't mention the southern
	8	portion of the county, why do you want to insist
	9	that that's what DuPage County's plan was
08:42:57PM	10	thinking about?
	11	A. Because both both mention the
	12	underserved parts of the of the county.
	13	Q. And it says also that the county of
	14	DuPage will consider new or expanded facilities,
	15	right?
	16	A. Yes.
	17	Q. So if you have a new or expanded
	18	facility to propose, that would seem to be
	19	consistent with the plan; isn't that right?
08:43:26PM	20	A. Depends if they considered it.
	21	Q. Are you aware of the fact that DuPage
	22	County has signed a secondary host agreement

with Lake Shore? 1 2 Yes. Α. Do you consider that -- Is that 3 Ο. 4 consideration on their part of a new or expanded facility? 5 6 I have no opinion on that. 7 Well, you did opine that because the 0. DuPage County expert on solid waste planning who 8 said this proposal appears to be consistent, 9 that because she didn't say "is consistent," the 10 08:44:15PM plan is automatically inconsistent; is that 11 12 right? I just stated that she didn't say that 13 Α. 14 it is consistent. 15 Well, appears to be consistent is Q. pretty close to a finding of consistency, isn't 16 17 it? 18 No. Α. 19 She didn't say it appears to be 0. 20 inconsistent, did she? 08:44:42PN That's not what's there, no. 21 Α. 22 Then why would you believe that Q.

because she only said "appears to be consistent" 1 that our proposal is actually inconsistent with 2 the plan? 3 Because she gave no reason behind it. 4 Α. DuPage County is not the siting 5 Q. authority, are they? 6 7 Α. No. So they don't have to consider our 8 0. proposal in detail, do they? 9 10 There's no -- There's no regulation Α. or -- or law that states that, no. 11 12 But DuPage County did consider it Ο. 13 sufficiently to -- to execute a secondary host agreement and to give us a letter of the 14 15 appearance of consistency, right? 16 It did give you the letter, I agree. Α. And they did execute a secondary host 17 0. 18 agreement with us? 19 I agree with that. Α. 20 Do you know what the evidence that the 0. 2003 siting hearing was? 21 22 No. Α.

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	1	Q. You just quote the findings even
	2	though you don't know the evidence?
	3	A. That is correct.
	4	Q. Was that proposal the same as this
	5	one?
	6	A. No.
	7	Q. Do you know if that proposal had
	8	evidence about reduced wear on roads, reduced
	9	overall truck miles, and decreased truck air
08:46:27PM	10	emissions?
	11	A. No.
	12	Q. This proposal does that evidence on
	13	all of those figures or factors, doesn't it?
	14	A. It was introduced by a consultant,
	15	yes.
	16	(Brief pause.)
	17	BY MR. MUELLER:
	18	Q. I want to turn to your conclusions.
	19	Your first statement is the SWMP
08:47:16PM	20	updates, starting in 2007, all focus on the need
	21	for additional transfer capacity in the south
	22	portion of DuPage County.

	1	Is that what you said?
	2	A. If it's in there and and with
	3	the
	4	Q. I didn't hear your answer, sir.
	5	A. Yes, they do Some focus on the
	6	south portion of DuPage County but not all.
	7	Q. Show me the focus on the southern
	8	portion of the county in the 2017 plan update.
	9	A. There is no mention of that. It was
08:47:51PM	10	in an earlier version earlier updated
	11	version.
	12	Q. This says starting in 2007 "all
	13	focus." Do you know what the word "all" means?
	14	A. Yes.
	15	Q. You selected that?
	16	A. Yes.
	17	Q. And that's state that word is
	18	incorrect as to the 2017 plan update; isn't that
	19	true?
08:48:11PM	20	A. I would agree.
	21	Q. And then you say "adding transfer
	22	station to the northwest portion of DuPage

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      County will serve as a disincentive to a south
      facility."
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                     Do you have any evidence of that?
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      the need for a south facility to reduce the
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      travel distance that was going to the DuKane
      facility at the time.
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1 is a conclusion, said that the document -- it says "service areas of existing facilities be 2 considered." 3 Mr. Lardner, you're testifying about 4 5 consistency with the solid waste management plan, right? 6 7 Α. Yes. Does this third conclusion that you 8 0. have, have any requirement for that kind of 9 consideration in any of those solid waste 10 08:49:58PM management plans? 11 12 In the 2017 solid waste management Α. plan update, it said service areas must be 13 considered. 14 We considered our service area, didn't 15 Q. 16 we? 17 Α. It says ... Do you recall Mr. Hock testifying 18 0. 19 about other transfer stations and their service 20 areas and the fact that they would have some 21 impact on this service area? 22 Yes. Α.

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So he did consider them? 1 Q. 2 Yes. Α. So your third conclusion is also 3 0. 4 wrong? 5 (No verbal response.) Α. 6 Q. Let's go to the fourth one. I would -- I would say not exactly 7 Α. wrong. It's -- Again, he talked -- he didn't 8 show the entire service area. He just talked 9 about other transfer stations. 10 11 Did he consider service areas of other 0. 12 transfer stations? 13 No, not service areas. Α. And then -- And just backing up for 14 Q. 15 one second, we've determined that the 16 consideration of service areas of other pollution control facilities is not a plan 17 18 requirement, right? 19 I think the plan says to consider 20 service areas of other pollution control 21 facilities. Let's go to 2017. What does it say? 22 Q.

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	1	A. It says service areas must be
	2	considered.
	3	Q. And your your belief is that even
	4	though Mr. Hock testified about other service
	5	areas, he really didn't consider them?
	6	A. He didn't testify to the whole service
	7	area that the tran other other facilities
	8	had.
	9	Q. You're correct. He didn't testify
08:52:12PM	10	about the Lake Michigan shoreline portion of the
	11	Chicago Groot service area?
	12	MR. LUETKEHANS: Objection,
	13	argumentative.
	14	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Sustained.
	15	BY MR. MUELLER:
	16	Q. Your fourth conclusion, there's no
	17	mention in the siting application that the
	18	assistance of DuPage County was requested.
	19	Is it a requirement of the solid
08:52:38PM	20	waste management plan that the county's
	21	assistance be requested when you are trying to
	22	site a facility in a municipality?

1 The plan reads that the -- that the service areas of existing facilities be 2 3 considered and that the proposed control 4 facility appears -- excuse me -- be considered 5 on a case-by-case basis. So it does say to 6 consider it. We're done with that one. 7 Ο. Okay. 8 Α. So I'm asking you whether or not 9 0. 10 there's a requirement that we ask for the county's assistance in developing --11 12 Not assistance, no. You're correct. Α. So there's no such requirement? 13 0. 14 Α. No. 15 So at least conclusions one, two, and Q. four are not valid, right? 16 17 Α. I would say they're not valid. I would just say that, you know, in your 18 19 interpretation of that, that you feel they're 20 not. 21 And how many transfer stations does DuPage County have now? 22

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	1	A. One.
	2	Q. Still only one?
	3	A. Correct.
	4	MR. MUELLER: Thank you, sir.
	5	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Callaghan?
	6	CROSS-EXAMINATION
	7	BY MR. CALLAGHAN:
	8	Q. The 2003 siting that you mentioned
	9	A. Yes.
08:54:03PM	10	Q did you look at the the file on
	11	that?
	12	A. No, I did not.
	13	Q. Where did you learn about it?
	14	A. Just through through research.
	15	Q. Research.
	16	What kind of research?
	17	A. With With the With the attorney
	18	that was who I'm working with.
	19	Q. The attorney told you about it?
08:54:26PM	20	A. We we discussed it, yes.
	21	Q. But you didn't know about it before
	22	that?

1 I knew about the -- that it was --2 that the 2003 was -- was not approved. And we asked about that, yeah. The 2000 [sic] siting 3 was not approved and we discussed it and I said 4 5 I would like to see the resolution. 6 Q. You -- You asked him about it or he told you? 7 I knew about the 2003 siting 8 No. Α. application not being approved and I asked him, 9 Was there a resolution? 10 And he said, Yes, and he provided 11 12 it to me. How did you learn the 2003 application 13 Ο. was not approved? 14 15 Because I was living in the area and Α. practicing in the solid waste industry and ${\bf I}$ 16 followed it. 17 Did you go to the hearings? 18 Ο. 19 No. Α. 20 Q. Do you know how big that site is? 21 Which site? Α. 22 The 2003 site. Q.

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	1	A. No .
	2	Q. Is there any comparison between that
	3	site and the site that we're talking about in
	4	these hearings?
	5	A. I'm not familiar enough to make a
	6	comparison, no.
	7	Q. But you put it in your report?
	8	A. No, because, in in general, I was
	9	talking looking at facilities that DuPage
08:55:34PM	10	County wanted be on the DuKane facility and
	11	and to serve other portions of DuPage County.
	12	And, clearly, updates of the plan showed that
	13	that was what their interest was.
	14	Q. Do you know anything other than what
	15	is shown on this page about it, on slide it
	16	doesn't have a number the 2003 West DuPage
	17	recycle transfer siting slide?
	18	A. No. Just Just what I remember
	19	recall at the time, no, there's no more.
08:56:14PM	20	MR. CALLAGHAN: That's all we have.
	21	Thank you.
	22	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Walsh

	1	MR. WALSH: Just a couple questions.
	2	CROSS-EXAMINATION
	3	BY MR. WALSH:
	4	Q. Mr. Lardner, did you consult with
	5	DuPage County in the development of a plan or
	6	any of the updates?
	7	A. No.
	8	Q. Did you discuss the meaning of any of
	9	the provisions of the plan or any of the updates
08:56:36PM	10	with anybody from DuPage County?
	11	A. No.
	12	Q. So your testimony is based on your
	13	interpretation of the words and the provisions
	14	in the plan and the updates, correct?
	15	A. Yes.
	16	Q. You don't have any independent
	17	knowledge as to what the county intended when it
	18	created the provisions in the plan or the
	19	updates other than your interpretation of those
08:56:57PM	20	provisions, correct?
	21	A. Correct.
	22	MR. WALSH: Okay. Thank you.

	1	That's all I have.
	2	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Redirect
	3	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
	4	BY MR. LUETKEHANS:
	5	Q. Let's start kind of where we ended,
	6	which was the the county board resolution
	7	board CB0002-04.
	8	And you've cited the finding of the
	9	DuPage County board as it relates to the holding
08:57:30PM	10	facility in 2003 as it relates to Criteria
	11	No. 8; is that correct?
	12	A. Correct.
	13	Q. Okay. And could you read, starting
	14	with the "proposed facility" and through the
	15	words "transfer station" in paragraph 2?
	16	A. The proposed facility location
	17	MR. MUELLER: Objection, that's not
	18	proper redirect. That's just repeating direct.
	19	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Overruled for
08:58:03PM	20	now.
	21	BY THE WITNESS:
	22	A. It says: The proposed facility

1 location is within one-quarter mile of another transfer station. 2 3 And it says above that -- Yeah. Ο. 4 It's because the proposed 0kay. facility location was within a quarter mile of 5 6 another transfer station, that's the reason they 7 gave, correct? 8 Correct. Α. Not based on the size of the lot? 9 That had -- That's not based in Criteria 8 --10 their Criteria 8 finding, is it? 11 12 No. Α. Okay. Do you know when DuPage County 13 signed the host agreement with L- -- the 14 15 secondary host agreement with LRS? 16 I think it was 2019 or '20. 17 Q. Okay. Yeah. 18 Actually, it was April of 2019. Τ 19 don't think there's any dispute that. 20 That was before this -- That was 21 two and a half years before this application was 22 filed, correct -- actually, three years before

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this application was filed? 1 2 Correct. Α. 3 So it make sense that they hadn't seen Ο. the application at the time they approved their 4 5 secondary host agreement? 6 Α. Yes. 7 Let's talk about this southern 0. 8 portion. You made a mistake -- Would it be 9 fair to say you made a mistake when you said in 10 conclusion number one, "all focus"? 11 12 Yes. Α. Okay. So -- But the two prior storm 13 water management plans, they do focus on that, 14 15 correct? 16 Yes. Α. 17 And is there anything you read -- and Q. I think Mr. Hock admitted it. Is there anything 18 19 that you read that 2017 somehow overruled the 20 2007 or 2012? 21 No. it did not overrule it. I didn't 22 see anything to that.

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1 Did you consider it to be 0. supplementing those prior --2 3 Α. Yes. Did you disregard competitive factors 4 0. 5 in your needs analysis? 6 Α. No. 7 In fact, if I remember correctly, you 0. discussed all the competition that was already 8 there? 9 10 Yes. There was -- There's many Α. transfer stations that are serving the proposed 11 12 service area of the West DuPage County transfer and recycling facility. 13 We heard about lengthy transportation 14 Q. 15 routes. 16 Are the transportation routes any 17 lengthier -- or are they significantly lengthier to the current Groot facility than they would be 18 19 to the Lake Shore recycling facility a quarter 20 of a mile away? 21 They're essentially the same. No. Α. 22 Q. Okay. So the transportation costs

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1 from the hauler to -- or the actual transportation costs from the hauler to the 2 current facility in DuPage County versus the one 3 4 a quarter of a mile down the street is minimal, 5 at best? 6 Α. That is correct. You were asked about the second or 7 0. third transfer station is expected to increase 8 competition, reduce wear on roads, reduce 9 overall truck miles traveled, and decrease truck 10 11 air emissions. That's from the 2001 plan. Do 12 you recall that? 13 Α. Yes. And you heard -- Mr. Mueller asked you 14 if Mr. Hock testified to those things, to some 15 16 of those issues, correct? 17 Α. Yes. You're not here to testify to any of 18 19 those issues, are you? 20 Α. No. 21 In fact, have you looked at those 0. 22 issues?

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Not closely, no. 1 Α. Let's go to the 2007 solid waste 2 0. management plan update slide. 3 4 Okay. Α. 5 And you were asked a bunch of Q. questions about the word "ideal" or the ideal 6 7 transport distance is no more than ten miles. 8 Do you recall? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Is there anything ideal about having Q. two transfer stations next to each other in 11 12 DuPage County? 13 Α. No. And you talked about ideal -- that --14 Q. 15 I think you kind of hinted or implied that the ideal distance may be different depending on 16 17 where the transfer station is located? 18 Right. Again, in a -- in a Α. 19 less-developed area, the mileage might not be as 20 important a factor as it is in the 21 highly-developed area. You know, going ten 22 miles in a developed area, it takes longer than

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it does in a suburban less-developed area. 1 Would it be fair to say that the 2 Q. 3 traffic time in the northeast corner of DuPage County is slightly different -- is relatively 4 5 different than that in Plano or Kendall County? 6 Α. Yes. 7 You got these four quadrant maps, and 0. I think they were originally Appendix E, F, G, 8 and H in the original document that Shaw or that 9 the county had, correct? 10 11 Α. Right. 12 Okay. Are these your maps? Ο. 13 Α. No. Okay. You took these from the plan. 14 Q. You did not -- You did not make these up? 15 16 No. Α. Okay. So this isn't -- This Groot 17 0. 18 Chicago service area that goes probably 19 25 miles, I'm not going to deny, that -- you 20 didn't do that, correct? 21 That was their service area Α. No. 22 selection.

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	1	Q. Okay. And you just took what the
	2	solid waste management plan said regarding these
	3	quadrants and put it in your PowerPoint?
	4	A. Yes.
	5	Q. In the 2012 Well, in a couple in
	6	the 2007 and in the 2012 solid waste management
	7	plan updates, it talks about the southern
	8	portion of the county, correct?
	9	A. Yes.
09:04:34PM	10	Q. To your knowledge, has do any of
	11	the solid waste management plans after the
	12	2017 I guess that's the only one does that
	13	at any time conflict with that statement that
	14	the southern portion is the one that needs a
	15	transfer station?
	16	A. No.
	17	Q. And then could you look at that slide,
	18	2012 solid waste management plan update for me?
	19	A. Yes.
09:05:03PM	20	Q. Okay. This is all The first
	21	paragraph is all in one paragraph in the plan,
	22	correct?

1	A. Yes.
2	Q. Okay. So the first two sentences talk
3	about certain things. The second sentence talks
4	about the southern portion of the county, right?
5	A. Correct.
6	Q. And then the third sentence, is that
7	talking about the southern portion of the county
8	again?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. And the fourth sentence that says,
11	"these conditions can result in less competitive
12	waste hauling," is that, again, talking about
13	the need for a new facility in the southern
14	portion of the county?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. Okay. So those all relate to that
17	southern portion concept?
18	A. Yes.
19	(Brief pause.)
20	BY MR. LUETKEHANS:
21	Q. Let's talk about your conclusions.
22	Mr. Mueller tried to say that

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because the word "all" was in there means your 1 conclusion was wrong. 2 3 Would you agree with that? 4 No. Α. It's just -- It's still -- You still 5 Q. 6 have the same conclusion if you take the word 7 out "all"? That would be correct. 8 Α. 9 Okay. And then the second bullet 0. 10 point says, Adding another transfer station in 09:06:33PM northwest portion of DuPage County will serve as 11 12 a disincentive to a solid facility. That's your opinion? 13 14 Α. That is because it -- because it makes 15 it less attractive for someone to put a transfer 16 station in the southern part of the -- of the 17 county. 18 Okay. Have you seen any evidence in Ο. 19 this hearing that that is -- that -- that 20 conflicts with that statement? 21 Α. None that I've heard. 22 Okay. And you've been here for Q.

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most -- for most of the nights, correct? 1 2 Yes. Α. 3 MR. LUETKEHANS: Thank you, Mr. Lardner. 4 5 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: PODER, anything from you? 6 7 MR. DELAROSA: No, not at this time. 8 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: All right. Then back to you, Mr. Mueller. 9 MR. MUELLER: Very briefly, Mr. Price. 10 09:07:28PM 11 RECROSS-EXAMINATION 12 BY MR. MUELLER: Mr. Lardner, do you have the 2007 plan 13 0. update in front of you? 14 15 The slide? Α. No, the actual plan update. I don't 16 0. 17 want your interpretations. 18 Α. No. I don't have it in front of me, 19 no. 20 Are you aware that in addition to the 0. 09:07:52PM section from the 2007 plan that was quoted in 21 22 your slides, that plan also says DuPage County

should encourage the development of three to 1 2 five waste transfer facilities throughout the 3 county? 4 Yes, that's correct. Α. 5 You interpret that to mean that all Q. three to five new waste transfer facilities 6 7 should be in the southern portion of the county? I would -- I interpret that to mean it 8 Α. should serve areas outside -- in DuPage County 9 10 that were far enough away from the DuKane facility so as not to make a driving distance, 11 12 again, a factor. So you don't interpret it as meaning 13 it should be in the south only? 14 I think they're talk about unserved 15 Α. 16 areas. 17 It doesn't say that, does it? Q. 18 It does not specifically mention the Α. 19 south, no. So as recently as 2007, DuPage County 20 0. 21 wanted, in addition to a transfer station in the 22 southern portion of the county, they wanted

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1	three to five overall new transfer stations,
2	right?
3	A. Correct, to serve the area of waste
4	being generated, that wasn't going to DuKane.
5	Q. It doesn't say that, does it?
6	A. It talks about it earlier in
7	Q. Does it say that in the plan?
8	MR. LUETKEHANS: Can Let the witness
9	finish the answer, please.
10	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Overruled. He
11	can handle himself. You led him
12	MR. LUETKEHANS: No. I'm just
13	saying
14	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: That's enough.
15	MR. LUETKEHANS: All I'm asking
16	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Overruled.
17	Ask a question.
18	MR. LUETKEHANS: All I'm asking is that
19	the witness
20	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Overruled.
21	MR. LUETKEHANS: be allowed
22	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Overruled.
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MR. LUETKEHANS: -- to finish his --1 2 finish his answer. HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Answer the 3 4 question. 5 BY THE WITNESS: 6 Α. Could you repeat the question? 7 sorry. MR. LUETKEHANS: He couldn't finish his 8 9 answer. BY THE WITNESS: 10 09:09:49PM 11 Α. Repeat the question. 12 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Well, that's because you did most of the testifying, 13 Mr. Luetkehans. I would like to hear from the 14 15 witness. BY THE WITNESS: 16 17 Α. What was the question? Let me ask a different one. 18 0. 19 0kay. Α. 20 Do you have any indication in your Q. 09:10:03PM ability to interpret the plan of where these 21 22 three to five additional transfer stations

	1	should be?
	2	A. There is no specifics given on that,
	3	no.
	4	MR. MUELLER: Thank you.
	5	That's all I have.
	6	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Callaghan?
	7	MR. CALLAGHAN: Just a couple.
	8	RECROSS-EXAMINATION
	9	BY MR. CALLAGHAN:
09:10:30PM	10	Q. Have you looked in the area of
	11	southern DuPage County to determine whether
	12	any there was any location that would meet
	13	the require the legal requirements for a
	14	transfer station?
	15	A. I have not specifically looked at
	16	that. I do know that there are some large
	17	tracks of there are some large tracks of
	18	undeveloped. Whether they meet that criterion,
	19	I have not examined that, no.
09:11:01PM	20	Q. Do you know if DuPage County has done
	21	that analysis?
	22	A. No.

	1	Q. Do you know that DuPage County
	2	concluded that there are no such locations in
	3	in southern DuPage County?
	4	A. I remember reading that, that they
	5	found that the county was not because of this
	6	development, could not find other places to
	7	develop transfer stations.
	8	MR. CALLAGHAN: Thank you.
	9	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Walsh
09:11:28PM	10	MR. WALSH: I don't have anything
	11	further.
	12	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you,
	13	Mr. Lardner.
	14	(Witness excused.)
	15	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Do you have
	16	another witness here this evening?
	17	MR. LUETKEHANS: Yes. We would call
	18	Joe Abel to the stand.
	19	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Madam Reporter,
09:12:14PM	20	would you swear in the witness, please.
	21	(Witness sworn.)
	22	(Brief pause.)

	1	WHEREUPON:
	2	JOSEPH ABEL,
	3	called as a witness herein, having been first
	4	duly sworn, was examined and testified as
	5	follows:
	6	DIRECT EXAMINATION
	7	BY MR. LUETKEHANS:
	8	Q. Mr. Abel, could you please state
	9	MR. MUELLER: Mr. Price, before the
09:13:29PM	10	witness starts, we were handed a CV and a
	11	one-page exhibit.
	12	Is that all
	13	MR. LUETKEHANS: That's it.
	14	MR. MUELLER: there is with this
	15	witness?
	16	MR. LUETKEHANS: Yep.
	17	MR. MUELLER: Okay. Thanks.
	18	BY MR. LUETKEHANS:
	19	Q. Mr. Abel, could you please state and
09:13:40PM	20	spell your name for the record?
	21	A. Joseph Abel Joseph H. Abel,
	22	ABEL.

HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Abel ... 1 BY MR. LUETKEHANS: 2 3 You got to speak into the mic. Ο. 4 How are you currently employed? I'm a planning and zoning consultant. 5 Α. 6 Could you provide us with the main 0. 7 history of your employment background or your -yeah, your education and employment background? 8 I have a degree in city and 9 Yes. 10 regional planning with a minor in architecture from the University of Illinois. 11 I received 12 that -- I hate to tell you -- in 1959. I did graduate work at the University of Chicago 13 center for urban studies, and I also completed 14 15 an economic development institute program at the University of Oklahoma. 16 It was a summer 17 program. So that's my educational background. 18 I started my planning career in 19 Lake County, Illinois with the Lake County 20 Regional Planning Commission and worked on a 21 number of projects. It was one of the first counties to develop county-wide comprehensive 22

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1 So I got in on the very ground level of 2 preparing large area comprehensive plans. communities had been doing planning but not very 3 4 many counties, and Lake County was the first. 5 After spending three years at the 6 Lake County Regional Planning Commission, I then was hired by Carl Gardner & Associates, probably 7 the premier planning consulting firm in the 8 9 Chicago area. Back in that time frame, I was 10 the principal consultant for a number of municipalities -- Cary, Illinois; Deerfield; Fox 11 12 River Grove; Glendale, Wisconsin; Indian Head Park; Morris, Illinois; but more importantly, 13 14 worked on the development of the Village of Oak I actually worked very closely with Paul 15 Brook. Butler on the actual design of Oak Brook during 16 17 that time frame. 18 I also, because I had worked at 19 Lake County, specialized also in developing new 20 county plans and accompanying zoning ordinances. 21 I developed the first plan -- comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance for Grundy County and then 22

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1 did all of the municipalities in the county, prepared their land use plans and -- and zoning 2 ordinances -- Iroquois County, Kankakee County 3 4 and Kendall County; also did a lot of urban renewal work with Carl Gardner, and things of 5 6 that nature. 7 I actually then interviewed with DuPage County to be the consulting planner 8 through Carl Gardner & Associates, went through 9 10 the entire process. And then I got a phone call saying good news/bad news. The bad news was the 11 12 county -- DuPage County wanted to prepare their first comprehensive plan in this particular area 13 14 and have their own planning department and we 15 want to hire a consultant, we want to hire you. 16 I had to make a decision and became 17 the first planning director for DuPage County in 18 1970 and was in charge of developing the first 19 land use plan and then accompanying zoning 20 ordinance for DuPage County. I directed the 21 entire program for 17 years, had a staff of 22 approximately 40. And, again, we were the first

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county in Illinois, other than Grundy County, 1 which I had done to do a comprehensive plan that 2 actually included all the municipalities. So my 3 4 directive was, do not go to the county board 5 with a comprehensive plan until all 6 37 municipalities were included and signed off 7 on the plan. It took us seven and a half years to accomplish that, but we developed the 8 9 comprehensive plan. 10 Obviously, starting with 1970, I've been working in the area and am very familiar 11 12 with it. After the plan was adopted, I then 13 was in charge of the comprehensive revision 14 15 zoning ordinance. And by the time I left, I was 16 in charge of the entire development process in 17 the county. I was in charge -- I was the 18 director of the zoning board. I was the -- was 19 the secretary to the zoning board of appeals, 20 was in charge of the zoning department, of the 21 building department, and the planning department. So we called it the county 22

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development department. 1 Well, after 17 years, I guess I got 2 a little itchy and I was approached by the City 3 4 of Chicago to head their economic development program. And so from 1987 to 1992, I was head 5 6 of the economic development for the City of Chicago, responsible for developing industrial 7 parks, setting up programs. We did work at the 8 airports, and we set up an international trade 9 10 council during that time frame. The budget 11 there was 1.3 million, and I had a staff of 15. 12 In 1992, I decided it was time to -- to start off on my own. And so since 13 1992, I've had my own firm and have had many, 14 15 many municipalities that I have under contract, presently working very closely with Oak Brook 16 17 Terrace. 18 But other than that, doing 19 primarily with the public and private sector. 20 I've done expert testimony at the federal 21 courts, local courts, and as an expert witness 22 primarily zoning cases, and I have done some

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site work for environmental facilities. 1 2 Are you cert- -- Is PWC Exhibit 602 a 0. copy of your curriculum vitae? 3 4 Yes. Α. In addition, I am a member of the 5 6 American Institute of Certified planers. And in 7 my planning profession, I have been very active. I was director of the Chicago metropolitan 8 section of the Illinois chapter of the American 9 Institute of Planners and also was elected 10 11 president of the Illinois chapter of the 12 American Planning Association and have been a member of the American Institute of Certified 13 Planners for about 50 years. 14 15 And what is that? Q. 16 Requires -- Well, educational Α. 17 background has to first be met. You have to 18 have a degree in city and regional planning from 19 a recognized university, have to have a certain 20 number of years of experience, and then you have 21 to keep up your qualifications every year in 22 terms of going to conferences and classes and

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1 things of that nature. And I have maintained my AICP, I think, since about 1978. 2 Okay. Are you familiar with the 3 Ο. property that is the subject of this application 4 for the siting of a waste transfer station? 5 6 Α. Yes. 7 And how are you familiar with it? 0. As director of planning directly for 8 Α. 17 years for the county. As I said, I was 9 10 secretary to the zoning board of appeals. And so I did go out every night -- every Thursday 11 12 night with the zoning board to public hearings. When I was there, we actually went 13 14 out to the communities for the public hearings. 15 Now you have to go to the -- to Wheaton. But in terms of developing the plan for the county, I 16 17 had become very familiar obviously with all of 18 the communities. We actually had the advantage 19 of going under contract with a number of 20 municipalities after we prepared the 21 comprehensive plan. And one of the communities 22 that we contracted with was the City of West

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1 Chicago. 2 So I -- I also was -- worked on the Groot facility, which is approximately a quarter 3 4 of mile north of the subject property, and I had done a lot of work for the airport. We worked 5 6 very closely with the DuPage County Airport all the years I was with the county. So that entire 7 area we did some specialized planning studies 8 for that area. And so I'm very familiar with 9 10 Powis Road, its entire length from North Avenue 11 to Roosevelt Road. 12 Okay. In front of you is PWC Ο. Exhibit 350. Do you recognize that? 13 14 Α. Yes. 15 Okay. And can you -- do you -- We Q. don't have the big one so I just have a small --16 17 and you have it in front of you, but can you 18 locate the proposed transfer station location? 19 If you look carefully at it, Yes. Α. where the number 18 is, that's Powis Road, and 20 you'll see the end of the runway of the airport 21 22 and --

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Just through the years following some 1 Α. of the vacations that have taken place. 2 happen to be working on a project right now in 3 4 the -- near the Village of Glen Ellen and 5 Glendale Heights. And the property that I'm 6 working on is just directly north of a 7 railway -- rail line that was -- was vacated. I recently was involved in a 8 project in Indiana also dealing with vacated 9 10 rail lines. We actually are using the rail 11 lines on the -- on the particular property for 12 additional parking. Sort of interesting that my first 13 assignment out of school was in Lake County and 14 15 what people don't remember is there was a major, major electrical rail system in Lake County that 16 17 was vacated, and we studied that very carefully. 18 First, we tried to stop the 19 vacation and then we had to decide how to handle 20 all the vacated parcels as part of the planning 21 So I've been involved with vacated process. rail lines and things of that nature for quite 22

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1 sometime. 2 Are there vacated rail lines that are -- Well, forget that. 3 Do you know the zoning of those two 4 railroad parcels? 5 6 Α. Yes. 7 What is the zoning? 0. It's the R-1 estate residential in the 8 Α. City of West Chicago. 9 10 Now, how many different development Q. projects -- and I know not to the exact 11 12 number -- have you consulted on in private practice over the past 30 years? 13 Literally, hundreds. 14 15 Do you understand how it would be Q. difficult to develop these two rail parcels 16 17 directly to the east as residential in their current size and location? 18 19 Yes. Α. 20 Q. Why is that? 21 Well, it's a linear zoning at this Α. 22 It's long, narrow, and just wouldn't be point.

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possible to develop. 1 As I recall, the zoning 2 classification requires a minimum of 3 40,000 square feet. And just to do a series of 4 5 40,000 square foot [sic] would just not be 6 practical. 7 Ο. Does that mean these railroad parcels directly to the east of the subject property 8 cannot been developed as residential? 9 No. They definitely can be developed 10 Α. 11 as residential. 12 How -- How could that occur? Ο. 13 Combining with the adjacent Α. properties. 14 15 Okay. So when you say adjacent Q. property, do you -- it could be to the east --16 17 it could be to the west of that; is that 18 correct? 19 MR. MUELLER: I'm going to object. 20 He's calling for witness to speculate on facts 21 not the evidence. MR. LUETKEHANS: Well, he's here to 22

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give his opinion. 1 2 MR. MUELLER: The properties to the 3 west and east are not zoned residential. 4 MR. LUETKEHANS: Well, we're going to 5 get to that. I'm going to 6 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: 7 allow Mr. Luetkehans a little room here. I -- I generally agree. We haven't 8 9 established a foundation that -- although he's an authority in planning, that he's a 10 residential home builder, so I'm looking forward 11 12 to you tying that up. BY MR. LUETKEHANS: 13 14 Let me ask you a question: Have you 15 ever been involved in residential home 16 development as a consultant? 17 Α. Through my -- the years I've been doing this, I have designed hundreds of 18 19 residential subdivisions from senior housing to 20 small lot development to estate properties. 21 Designing and laying out subdivisions is part of 22 what we do, not only preparing comprehensive

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1 plans, but also designing subdivisions throughout DuPage County, throughout the Chicago 2 metropolitan area. I'm trying to think of the 3 closest one to this subject property. 4 5 probably just on the north side of North Avenue. 6 But the question you -- you asked 7 is --8 Well, let- -- let's not go to the Q. question yet. So let me ask another question. 9 10 As community develop- -- As 11 development director at DuPage County, did you 12 oversee or did your -- did you oversee the development or approval of residential zoning 13 projects in DuPage County? 14 15 Every subdivision had to come through Α. our approval before it was granted permission to 16 17 develop. 18 Ο. Okay. 19 You have to remember that the time Α. 20 frame that I was at the county, from '70 to '87, 21 we were the fastest growing county in the state 22 of Illinois, the third fastest growing county in

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1 the country. Our zoning board was out every 2 Thursday, 50 Thursdays out of a year. We 3 handled sometimes three -- We had to break our 4 5 zoning board appeals into two groups going out 6 every Thursday. We handled three cases probably 7 a night. So that's two times three is six, times 50. That's how many zoning cases we had, 8 9 and most of those were residential development. 10 We were the fastest growing county in the state 11 of Illinois. 12 Okay. How is the farmland to the east Ο. of the prop- -- of the railroad currently zoned? 13 It's in two zoning classifications. 14 15 Part of the area is still unincorporated, and the area that is directly -- directly adjacent 16 17 to the railroad is zoned manufacturing in the 18 City of West Chicago. And then as you go a 19 little further to the east, it's zoned 20 R-2 residential. 21 Okay. Do you know what the word 22 "consolidation" means from a real estate or

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1	zoning perspective?		
2	A. From a zoning and planning		
3	standpoint		
4	Q. Yeah.		
5	A it's to consolidate as many		
6	properties as possible to to develop your		
7	to get a good development.		
8	Q. Have you seen residential developments		
9	that consolidated different PIN numbers or		
10	different parcels throughout the years?		
11	A. Oh, yeah.		
12	Q. And have you seen properties be		
13	consolidated with different zoning on		
14	underlying zoning on them?		
15	A. Yeah. I'm presently working on a very		
16	large 100-acre development in Oak Brook Terrace		
17	where we're developing a new town center, and it		
18	has multiple zoning on it right now and we're		
19	going to hopefully pull it all together and		
20	bring it into one development.		
21	Q. Okay. And have you been involved with		
22	the rezoning of parcels that are commercial or		

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for whatever -- whether that be office or 1 2 industrial into residential? That's what we're doing right now on a 3 Α. 4 number of projects. 5 Okay. Could the railroad parcels Q. 6 being consolidated, in your opinion, at some point if -- if the railroad was vacated? 7 Obviously, when the railroad is there, it can't 8 9 happen. 10 Can't happen. Α. 11 But once the railroad --Q. 12 MR. MUELLER: I'm going to object. BY MR. LUETKEHANS: 13 In the railroad is vacated, could you 14 15 ever -- is it possible that they could be consolidated with another parcel and be used as 16 17 residential? 18 MR. MUELLER: I'm going to object. The 19 statute calls for examination of current 20 conditions. We can't speculate about a possible 21 vacation of the busiest east-west rail line in 22 the state, nor can we speculate about future

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                         MR. MUELLER: It could eventually be
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                zoned residential and we can build hundreds of
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               houses there, but that's not what we're required
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                to look at now.
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                         MR. LUETKEHANS: What we're required to
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               is overruled.
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                         MR. LUETKEHANS: -- which is
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                residential.
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               The objection is overruled.
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               BY MR. LUETKEHANS:
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perspective, if the railroad was vacated as 1 2 you've seen happen in DuPage County in the past or as you testified to has happened, is there 3 4 any zoning -- could that parcel be consolidated 5 with one of the other parcels to the east and be 6 developed as residential from a land use and 7 zoning standpoint? Yes. And they might be wanting to 8 Α. pick up additional land area just to accommodate 9 10 particular density thereafter. So there's -there's definitely an advantage of adding any of 11 12 that rail line -- any vacated rail line to the 13 property to the east. 14 In fact, like I said, one of the 15 properties I'm working on now down near -finished in Indiana, that's exactly what 16 17 happened. There was a manufacturing operation 18 and they took over the easement for additional 19 parking. 20 Do you have an opinion as to -- with a Q. 21 reasonable degree of planning certainty as to 22 whether the railroad parcels directly to the

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east of the subject property could be ever used 1 as residential parcels? 2 Yes, definitely could be used for 3 Α. residential purposes. In fact, that's how it's 4 5 zoned right now. 6 MR. LUETKEHANS: Thank you, Mr. Abel. 7 Nothing further. HEARING OFFICER PRICE: PODER... 8 MR. DELAROSA: Nothing at this time. 9 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Mueller... 10 09:34:28PM 11 CROSS-EXAMINATION 12 BY MR. MUELLER: Mr. Abel, you work out of your house, 13 0. don't you? 14 15 No. I work out of an office in Α. 16 Wheaton. 17 Well, you show your address as a Q. residential address in Glen Ellyn. 18 19 Yes. 200- --Α. 20 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Abel, I 09:34:42PM 21 really need you to use the microphone. 22 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes.

	1	BY THE WITNESS:		
	2	A. 200 Forest is my home address where I		
	3	have an office, but I work out Gary Weber &		
	4	Associates. They do all of my graphics, all my		
	5	secretarial, and I have accommodations there.		
	6	It's in downtown Wheaton.		
	7	Q. That's not your office, though, is it?		
	8	It somebody else's office that you use		
	9	sometimes?		
09:35:08PM	10	A. I use it all the time.		
	11	Q. So why don't you put it down as your		
	12	address?		
	13	A. That's just my preference.		
	14	Q. Sir, looking at your resume, I don't		
	15	see anything on here after 1992 other than you		
	16	working as a self-employed consultant; is that		
	17	correct?		
	18	A. Yes.		
	19	Q. And this Exhibit PWC 350 that was		
09:35:58PM	20	handed out, do you know how old that aerial		
	21	photograph is?		
	22	A. I would guess it's fairly recent.		

1 I -- All of my work that I did at the office was using aerial photography that was from 2021. 2 Is this a photograph that you were 3 Ο. provided by your attorney? 4 I could have printed out my 5 Yes. Α. 6 own --7 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Abel, I know we don't have a stand, but nobody can hear. 8 You're a very soft-spoken and articulate person, 9 10 but you absolutely have to speak into the 11 microphone. I can barely hear you. 12 THE WITNESS: I'll stay right on top of it. 13 BY THE WITNESS: 14 15 I use primarily computer-generated Α. 16 aerial photography while I was working on this, 17 so it's always on a screen in front of me. And 18 this was printed out so that -- because of the 19 fact that there wasn't a screen here tonight. 20 So I don't know when they did it. 21 I think my question is: Did -- Did 22 your attorney provide you with this photograph?

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1 Yes. Α. 2 So whatever photography you generate 0. is different from what your attorney provided 3 4 you here, right? 5 No, it's identical. I have photos Α. 6 probably in my file over on the bench. 7 area has not changed dramatically. Like I say, I just finished a big distribution facility 8 about a half a mile to the west on North Avenue 9 over the Christmas holidays. And I've done a 10 11 number of projects in this area. 12 And this aerial photograph, whether it was -- it's two years old or three years old, 13 wouldn't make any difference. Nothing has 14 15 dramatically changed in this -- this particular 16 area over the last two or three years. 17 0. Speaking of nothing having changed, 18 the -- the railroads still operate there, 19 correct? 20 Α. Correct. 21 And the -- those railroads are 0. actually quite busy and active, aren't they? 22

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	1	A. The Union Pacific is. The Canadian
	2	National is a single single track, and the
	3	others the Union Pacific is a double track.
	4	Q. So that other railroad is the Canadian
	5	National Railroad?
	6	A. Yes.
	7	Q. And Union Pacific, that's a main
	8	east-west line, right?
09:39:04PM	9	A. Correct.
	10	Q. Who hired you, Mr. Abel?
	11	A. Mr. Luetkehans.
	12	Q. And have you been paid?
	13	A. No, but I will be.
	14	Q. How much are you going to be paid?
	15	A. It's on an hourly basis.
	16	Q. The How much time do you have in
	17	this so far?
	18	A. About 20 hours.
	19	Q. And what's your hourly rate?
09:39:46PM	20	A. 275.
	21	Q. Now, you said you've seen railroads
	22	vacated in the past?

1 Yes. Α. 2 What railroads in DuPage County have 0. 3 vou seen vacated? 4 Major line now is -- that I'm familiar Α. with because I working on the project is -- I 5 6 forget which line it was, but it's halfway 7 between St. Charles and North Avenue on Main 8 Street in Glen Ellyn. That was where the crossing was. 9 10 So one DuPage railroad, that you can't Ο. identify, has been vacated? 11 12 No. When I was with the county, Α. 13 there's the EJ&E line was vacated in the West Chicago area close to Wheaton Christian Academy. 14 So there have been a number of them throughout 15 the 30, 40 years. 16 17 And I thought I heard you correctly to 0. say, given the nature of the activity on these 18 19 railroad tracks and the zoning to the east, it 20 would be impossible to develop that -- those 21 railroad tracks at the present time into estate 22 homes. Is that -- Did I hear you correctly?

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If -- If It's presently zoned estate. 1 2 it were vacated --I'm not asking if. 3 Ο. 4 Can it be developed into estate 5 homes now? 6 Α. No. 7 In fact, it would be -- and I think 0. you used the word -- "impossible," right? 8 Nothing is impossible, but it wouldn't 9 10 be practical. 09:41:42PM How high are the berms on the east and 11 12 west side of those rail lines? 13 Α. I'm not sure. 14 Q. Are there access roads to those rail 15 lines in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site? 16 17 Nothing that crosses over it. Α. Now, if the DuPage Airport were 18 0. 19 vacated and that property was rezoned residential, then we could also build houses on 20 09:42:28PN 21 the property of what is now the DuPage Airport, 22 right?

	1	A. If the airport was vacated?
	2	Q. Yes.
	3	A. Yes.
	4	(Brief pause.)
	5	BY MR. MUELLER:
	6	Q. So your conclusion about the
	7	possibility of developing residential uses on
	8	these railroad tracks requires not one, but two
	9	assumptions about what might happen in the
09:43:17PM	10	future, correct?
	11	A. Well, the first assumption is that it
	12	would have to be vacated.
	13	Q. Right.
	14	And the second assumption would be
	15	that you would have to rezone adjoining
	16	property?
	17	A. The difference is between when you
	18	mention the airport, that's an
	19	Q. I'm not asking about the airport.
09:43:41PM	20	A. No. I'm just I'm giving a
	21	comparison between the two sides.
	22	One is developed. The thing that

1 was interesting to me as a planner is that the entire -- over 200 acres directly to the east is 2 3 agricultural, for all practical purposes, vacant 4 It's used for agricultural purposes and does lend itself to a major redevelopment. 5 6 This is a very dynamic area in 7 DuPage County. And to be able to find a site like this that has been sitting vacant -- I was 8 with the county for 17 years, and nothing 9 10 happened on this site and nothing has happened 11 on the land to the east since I've been gone. 12 This area is right for redevelopment; and, therefore, has the potential for being a 13 14 mixed-use residential area which would include 15 residential. And that residential could be 16 within a thousand feet of the subject property. 17 So to get back to my guestion, your 0. 18 assumption about the possibility of residential 19 development on those railroad tracks requires 20 two things to happen in the future, correct? 21 The property does not have to No. Α. 22 have any building on it.

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	1	Q. No.
	2	A. It would just be part of the setback.
	3	Q. I'm asking if the potential future use
	4	requires us to vacate the railroad tracks?
	5	A. Yes.
	6	Q. Okay. That's one thing that has to
	7	happen in the future, right?
	8	A. Yes.
	9	Q. And the second thing that has to
09:45:22PM	10	happen is that you need some other property
	11	that's contiguous that also has to be rezoned,
	12	correct?
	13	A. Oh, yeah. It would definitely have to
	14	be rezoned.
	15	Q. And that, again, is a future
	16	contingency?
	17	A. That's correct.
	18	That's what planning is all about.
	19	Q. Mr. Abel, have you ever heard when
09:45:45PM	20	people say the word "if," ever heard the phrase,
	21	if ifs were skiffs, we would be all be sailors?
	22	MR. LUETKEHANS: Objection,

1 argumentative. BY THE WITNESS: 2 3 No. Α. MR. MUELLER: That's all I have. 4 5 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Callahan... 6 CROSS-EXAMINATION 7 BY MR. CALLAGHAN: Mr. Abel, the -- what is the zoning 8 Q. classification of the railroad property? 9 ER-1 estate residents district. 10 Α. 09:46:06PM 11 Okay. And the reason the railroad Q. 12 property in and of itself would be difficult to 13 develop is -- we have an exhibit that was provided by the applicant of a tax map, and it 14 shows each railroad has 100 feet of width. 15 16 Correct. Α. 17 So it's 200 feet wide for the 0. entire -- both rights of way, correct? 18 19 Yes. Α. 20 And the minimum lot width is, at the Q. 09:46:41PM building line, 200 feet. It's virtually 21 22 impossible to just develop the railroad track,

	1	correct?		
	2	A. Correct. I've said.		
	3	Q. I know.		
	4	A. Yes.		
	5	${f Q}$. I just wanted to go through that.		
	6	Now, on the east side of the		
	7	Canadian National Railroad track, are you aware		
	8	that there's a creek that runs along there?		
	9	A. Yes.		
09:47:08PM	10	Q. Okay. So there's not only would		
	11	you have to consolidate with property to the		
	12	east, you would have to deal with a creek in		
	13	between those two parcels, correct?		
	14	A. No. It would be part of the		
	15	development.		
16		Q. The creek would cut completely cut		
	17	the two parcels off from each other?		
	18	A. From a design standpoint, there's a		
	19	way of getting around that. That parcel I'm		
09:47:32PM	20	working on now in Oak Brook Terrace, we're		
	21	creating a whole system of lagoons and lakes and		
	22	there will be walkways and things of that		

nature. So it's -- the creek can be 1 incorporated. It might even be able to be 2 moved, I don't know, but that's a design 3 feature. 4 5 You can engineer anything is what Q. 6 you're saying? 7 You can design anything, yes. Α. Do you know how this property came to 8 Q. be zoned ER-1? 9 No. I don't know why West Chicago 10 Α. 11 rezoned it. 12 I'm going to show you a section of the Ο. zoning ordinance, which I think explains it. 13 And it's a fairly typical -- I'm going to mark 14 it City Staff Exhibit 1. 15 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Actually, City 16 Staff 2. 17 MR. CALLAGHAN: 2. 18 19 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: You have the 20 GHA report. MR. CALLAGHAN: Oh, I forgot about 21 22 that.

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	1	Can I have your pen?		
	2	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: You have the		
	3	GHA report.		
	4	That's my job.		
	5	(Brief pause.)		
	6	BY MR. CALLAGHAN:		
	7	Q. You're familiar with that kind of a		
	8	zoning classification?		
	9	A. Oh, yes.		
09:49:11PM	10	Q. And what does it provide for?		
	11	A. I'll just read it: Any land Any		
	12	land whose classification is not shown on the		
	13	official zoning map and land hereinafter and		
	14	next to the city shall be automatically		
	15	classified these are ER-1 estate until		
	16	differently classified by amendment. Streets,		
	17	alleys, public rights of way shall comply with		
	18	Subsection 64.		
	19	This is pretty standard.		
09:49:41PM	20	Q. Right.		
	21	A. And I have written that into many of		
	22	the ordinances that I've done, I've had to be		

1 very careful. The ordinances that I have 2 written --3 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mic -- Mic. BY THE WITNESS: 4 5 I've prepared the planning standards Α. 6 for zoning ordinances. I'm not an attorney and 7 do not prepare --8 Sure. Q. -- the complete zoning ordinance. 9 10 So my whole point of raising this is, Q. it is likely that this property was 11 12 automatically zoned upon annexation into this district. ER-1. 13 Yes, but if they didn't want it to be 14 ER-1 and -- on their map, they would have 15 16 rezoned it. 17 Q. Right. They had that ability at any time to 18 Α. 19 rezone this property to some other zoning classification. And the way the -- the way the 20 ordinance is written, it's the zoning that's 21 22 there today, a thousand feet away from any zoned

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residential. 1 2 Right. I understand. 0. 3 West Chicago has the right at any time Α. to rezone this property. 4 And if this were to be consolidated or 5 Q. 6 the property next-door was -- was rezoned to 7 some other classification -- I mean -- Strike that. 8 Any property can be rezoned at any 9 10 time, correct? 09:50:54PM 11 That's correct. Α. 12 And so this doesn't change the use of Ο. the property, the ER-1 classification? 13 But that's not the way the ordinance 14 15 reads. It's how the land is rezoned today, and it's zoned ER-1 residential. 16 17 My whole point is: The zoning of the Q. railroad property has nothing to do with the use 18 19 of the property, correct? That's -- You have to ask the City of 20 Α. 09:51:20PM West Chicago that. 21 22 Well, is it -- is it being used for Q.

	1	residential?		
	2	Α.	No.	
	3	Q.	It's being used for railroad?	
	4	Α.	Yes. I have many parcels that are	
	5	zoned diff	ferently than they're used.	
	6	Q.	You mentioned that you did work for	
	7	Groot?		
09:51:48PM	8	Α.	Yes.	
	9	Q.	What did you do for Groot?	
	10	Α.	Their initial siting.	
	11	Q.	Of the transfer station down the	
	12	street?		
	13	Α.	Yes.	
	14	Q.	And you testified about Criterion 3?	
	15	Α.	Yes.	
	16	Q.	0kay.	
	17	M	NR. CALLAGHAN: That's all That's	
	18	all I have.		
	19	ŀ	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you,	
09:52:04PM	20	Mr. Callag	ghan.	
	21		Mr. Walsh	
	22	1	THE WITNESS: Just for the record,	

though, at that time, the railroad was zoned 1 2 industrial. MR. WALSH: No questions. 3 MR. CALLAGHAN: Can I -- I'm sorry. 4 5 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Back to you, 6 Mr. Callaghan. 7 BY MR. CALLAGHAN: Have you looked at the floodplain maps 8 Q. for the property to the east? 9 I looked at just a generalized land --10 Α. 09:52:25PM environmental map. 11 12 Do you know if there was floodplain on Ο. the property to the east? 13 14 Α. No. Do you know if there's wetlands on the 15 Q. property to the east? 16 17 No. Α. MR. CALLAGHAN: That's all I have. 18 19 Thanks. HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Mr. Abel, I --20 09:52:47PM I need to ask because my job is the record. 21 22 You don't know or there aren't?

You said no. I'm not sure if you meant you 1 didn't know or that there are none. 2 THE WITNESS: I don't know. All I know 3 is that it's presently used for agricultural 4 purposes. And I just said before, just like 5 6 with the creek, and in DuPage County, you design 7 around your environmental problems. 8 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: I appreciate that. I just want to make sure we get what we 9 needed on the record. 10 11 All right. Redirect, 12 Mr. Luetkehans... 13 MR. LUETKEHANS: Yeah. 14 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. LUETKEHANS: 15 You were asked about doing work --16 Q. 17 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: You passed, 18 right? 19 MR. WALSH: Correct. I have no 20 questions. 21 BY MR. LUETKEHANS: 22 You were asked about doing wok for Q.

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Groot previously. 1 Did you also do work for West 2 Chicago related to a prior transfer station? 3 4 Α. Yes. And that was the holding facility in 5 Q. 6 2003? 7 Correct. Α. The airport is not zoned residential, 8 Q. however, is it? 9 That's correct. 10 Α. 09:53:45PM Unlike the railroad, it's actually 11 Q. 12 zoned airport? It's special district, yes, on its 13 Α. 14 own. 15 You were asked about railroads vacated Q. in DuPage County, and you mentioned, you know, 16 17 the one at St. Charles -- between St. Charles 18 and North Avenue on Main Street in Glen Ellyn. 19 We have a -- We have a bunch of trails 20 throughout DuPage County, correct? 09:54:09PM 21 Α. Correct. 22 And those trails, what were they Q.

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      ways.
                  When you said this property is a CN
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      Railroad, you don't know who owns that railroad,
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      do you, that -- those -- those parcels
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      themselves?
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                  No.
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      tax bills for those parcels?
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                  No.
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                  Mr. Mueller kind of tried to imply
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      that you're working out of your house, you know,
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      and you're kind of not working.
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      BY MR. LUETKEHANS:
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      year for the last five years would you say?
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1 Chicago metropolitan area. I mean, it's full-time, and that's why I have to have a 2 backup of Gary Weber & Associates that provides 3 all of my drafting, my secretarial. 4 5 So, in effect, I really have a 6 staff of about 15. What I am is a marine maker. 7 I bring in the work to Gary Weber & Associates, and I probably generate enough to keep a good 8 9 portion of their staff busy. So if -- if I 10 didn't have this fortunate opportunity, I would 11 have to have a staff of at least five or six to 12 keep up with all the projects that I have. And you -- do you regularly testified 13 Ο. 14 in front of zoning boards and -- to this day? 15 Oh, veah. I mean, I just finished a Α. large -- Just to give you an example, on North 16 17 Avenue, we just finished a large parking --18 truck parking facility, also a large 19 distribution facility -- all on North Avenue --20 and also an indoor storage facility on North 21 So that's just some of the different 22 kinds of clients.

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1	And then I have residential zoning
2	cases commercial. The communities I
3	represent right now, the only community is Oak
4	Brook Terrace, and but, again, it's more than
5	enough to keep a big staff going.
6	Q. And the aerial you were provided, we
7	provided that to you, correct?
8	A. Yes.
9	Q. But you looked at it, or did you look
10	at it first?
11	A. Yeah. It's identical to the one that
12	I've been using for last two weeks up on the
13	wall in my in the office.
14	MR. LUETKEHANS: Nothing further.
15	Thank you, Mr. Abel.
16	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: PODER
17	MR. DELAROSA: Nothing further.
18	HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you.
19	Mr. Mueller
20	RECROSS-EXAMINATION
21	BY MR. MUELLER:
22	Q. Mr. Abel, you said, I think twice,

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under questioning from your attorney and also 1 2 from Mr. Callahan, that what matters is the zoning now, correct? 3 4 I'm not sure what reference you're --5 Well, you were asked whether any Q. 6 property could be rezoned at any time? Yes. 7 Α. And you said what matters, though, is 8 0. the zoning now, right? 9 10 From the standpoint of the requirement Α. of this hearing, that's what I was getting at. 11 12 It's -- It's -- The fact is that it says, no transfer facility within a thousand feet of a 13 residential piece of property zoned. 14 15 It's zoned that now, and that's what you have to live with. 16 17 I --0. 18 That's not my problem. It's in the Α. 19 ordinance. And unfortunately, the City has left 20 that zoned residential, and you are within a thousand feet of a residentially-zoned piece of 21 22 property. That's the point I was trying to

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1 have a stand. It's awkward. I appreciate your patience. You'll hand me the microphone. 2 So that's going to conclude our 3 4 work for this evening, right at 10:00 o'clock. So well done, all parties. 5 6 We next convene, for everybody, 7 Monday afternoon, 1:00 o'clock, at city hall in council chambers. 8 Mr. Luetkehans, how many more 9 witnesses? 10 09:59:26PM 11 MR. LUETKEHANS: We have one more expert, and we may have a short witness that --12 13 testify for a few minutes --14 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Okay. 15 MR. LUETKEHANS: -- a fact -- a fact 16 witness. 17 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: All right. So we have one more expert testimony and then a 18 19 fact witness. 20 PODER, how many witnesses are you 09:59:48PM 21 going to call? They need -- They need to be 22 ready on Monday.

1 MR. DELAROSA: Okay. We probably 2 intend to call two to three witnesses. HEARING OFFICER PRICE: They need to be 3 at city hall on Monday. They need to be ready 4 5 to go. 6 MR. DELAROSA: Okay. 7 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: And then it will be City Staff. I don't know that we'll get 8 to you on Monday. I might take the time to fill 9 it in with any public comment that needs to 10 11 happen. 12 And then the following Thursday we have more work to do, and probably City Staff 13 14 will be at that time. 15 Thank you, everyone. Okay. 16 (WHEREUPON, the hearing of the 17 above-entitled cause was adjourned until 1:00 p.m., 18 19 January 16th, 2023.) 20 21 22

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