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IN THE MATTER OF THE) Case No. 06-035-42

PETITION OF WASATCH WIND,)

LLC for APPROVAL of a)

CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF) TRANSCRIPT OF

CAPACITY AND ENERGY FROM) PROCEEDINGS

THEIR PROPOSED FACILITIES.)

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PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN)

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2 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Let's go on the
3 record in Docket Number 06-035-42 In The Matter of
4 the Petition of Wasatch Wind, LLC for Approval of
5 Contract for the Sale of Capacity and Energy from
6 their Proposed QF Facilities, and Docket Number
7 06-035-76 In The Matter of The Application of
8 PacifiCorp for Approval of Power Purchase Agreement
9 between PacifiCorp and Spanish Fork Wind Park 2, LLC.

10 Let's take appearances for the record,
11 please.

12 MR. BROCKBANK: Dean Brockbank for Rocky
13 Mountain Power.

14 MS. SCHMID: Patricia Schmid, Assistant
15 Attorney General with the Division of Public
16 Utilities.

17 MR. COLLINS: Rich Collins representing
18 Wasatch Wind.

19 MR. PROCTOR: Paul Proctor on behalf of
20 the Utah Committee of Consumer Services.

21 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. Thank
22 you.

23 We are at another hearing where we have
24 both a witness as well as a party that I assume is
25 going to ask questions. We're going to do the best
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1 we can to make sure distinctions are clear as far as
2 when you ask questions that you don't editorialize.
3 But at the same time, that your questions are quite
4 distinct from prefiled testimony. And I think the
5 Commission is going to in the future clarify roles
6 and make sure we understand how this all works.

7 Let's begin with you, Mr. Brockbank.

8 MR. BROCKBANK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 Rocky Mountain Power has two witnesses
10 today, Mr. Paul Clements and Mr. Mark Adams, both
11 Company employees. And we would like to introduce
12 Mr. Clements at first.

13 Would the Chairman like to --

14 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: I think -- aren't
15 you already sworn under this docket?

16 MR. CLEMENTS: Yes.

17 MR. BROCKBANK: I think Mr. Clements was
18 sworn in but Mr. Adams was not.

19 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. Let's
20 take them one at a time. Mr. Clements, why don't you
21 come up here and take the stand.

22 PAUL CLEMENTS,
23 called as a witness, being previously duly sworn, was
24 examined and testified as follows:

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1 DIRECT 3EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. BROCKBANK:

3 Q. Mr. Clements, please state your full name
4 and for whom you work and your business address for
5 the record.

6 A. My name is Paul Clements. I am a Power
7 Marketer Originator for PacifiCorp Energy. My
8 business address is 201 South Main Street, Suite
9 2300, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111.

10 Q. Are you the same Paul Clements that has
11 prepared Prefiled Testimony in this docket?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And if you were to state the things today
14 that were stated in your prefiled testimony, would
15 you state the same things?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you have any changes to your testimony?

18 A. No, I do not.

19 MR. BROCKBANK: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Clements
20 has a brief summary of his testimony. Could he be
21 allowed to give that?

22 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Yes. Go ahead.

23 MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you.

24 Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. The
25 Company's position in this docket is that no

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1 adjustment should be made to the contract prices in
2 the Spanish Fork Wind Park 2 agreement to account for
3 avoided line losses. In this docket the Company does
4 not attempt to set forth the definitive methodology
5 to be used in all QF contracts, but instead evaluates
6 the circumstances specific and relevant to the
7 Spanish Fork contract alone. After reviewing
8 Commission orders regarding avoided line losses, the
9 Company determined that since the proxy method was
10 used for pricing, adjustments to the contract price
11 to account for line losses should only be made to the
12 extent that the QF project has a meaningful and
13 quantifiable difference in line losses when compared
14 to the proxy contract that is referred to pricing.

15 The QF contract should not be compared to
16 any other resources since the underlying price is not
17 based on other resources. Therefore, the Company
18 evaluated various options available to compare the
19 line losses associated with the Spanish Fork project
20 to line losses associated with the proxy contract,
21 which in this case is the Wolverine Creek project
22 located southeast of Idaho Falls in Idaho.

23 The Company determined that the most
24 appropriate method to use to compare the losses of
25 the two projects is to calculate the difference, if

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1 any, between the delivery points of the contracts and
2 the load required to absorb their respective outputs
3 of the contracts.

4 In performing this analysis the Company
5 chose to use the load as measured at the substation
6 level since the substation's primary purpose is to
7 serve as a transfer station between a source, such as
8 a QF generator or transmission line and load. In an
9 integrated transmission system with built-in loops
10 and redundancies for liability, it is not possible to
11 isolate exactly which generator is the source for a
12 specific load on a lower voltage distribution
13 circuit. For this reason, the substation level was
14 chosen as the most measurable and meaningful level at
15 which evaluations of load and resources and attendant
16 losses therein could be made.

17 The Division proposes a method similar to
18 the Company's, but takes the analysis one step
19 further to the distribution circuit level. While the
20 Company is not completely opposed to this
21 methodology, it notes that the distribution circuit
22 load used in the calculation is based on a measured
23 peak loading of the circuit and that results may be
24 different during other periods, such as off-peak
25 periods.

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1 Mr. Collins proposes that the contract
2 price for Spanish Fork be increased by 3.37 percent
3 to account for avoided line losses. He uses as a
4 basis for his position the average of a selective
5 group of power flow studies performed by his
6 consultant, Mr. Unger. It is interesting to note he
7 did not average all studies performed by and provided
8 in Wasatch Wind Exhibit 2.1, but instead picked a
9 selective group, providing no explanation as to why
10 some studies were included and others were not. In
11 fact, I calculate the average of the studies that
12 were not included in Mr. Collins' average to be .62
13 percent versus the 3.37 percent proposed by Mr.
14 Collins.

15 If you remove the obvious outlier that is
16 found in one study of 21 percent, the average on the
17 excluded studies is .04 percent versus the 3.37
18 percent proposed by Mr. Collins. Mr. Collins
19 provides no explanation as to why the studies were
20 excluded from the calculation that yielded his 3.37
21 proposed adjustment. The Company does not agree that
22 the 3.37 increase to the Spanish Fork contract price
23 can be justified by Mr. Collins' analysis for this and
24 for several other reasons which I will touch briefly
25 upon now.

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1 First, the power flow model uses a
2 snapshot in time view of loads and resource
3 assumptions. In reality, the loads and resources
4 will be changing every minute, if not every second,
5 over the 20-year contract period. The assumptions
6 included in that snapshot moment in time may be
7 different or perhaps wrong for the millions of other
8 moments that will occur over this contract life.

9 Second, Mr. Collins has performed studies
10 in which the Spanish Fork project is compared to
11 resources other than the proxy resource. This is a
12 clear departure from the Commission-approved pricing
13 method for wind QFs.

14 Third, the power flow studies performed by
15 Mr. Collins show such large variances in results that
16 one must question their accuracy and relevance to be
17 used as evidence for an increase in price that will
18 be paid by Utah ratepayers. For example, Mr.
19 Collins' studies contain results that range from a
20 positive 5.79 percent to a negative 21.05 percent.
21 It's interesting to note in its order dated April 19,
22 2006 in Docket 03-034-15, the Commission took
23 administration note of the fact that when comparing
24 the 1991 transmission study and a 2001 transmission
25 study, the difference between the transmission energy

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1 loss factor determined by those two studies was only
2 .0006 percent, even though the Cholla, Craig, Haden,
3 Hermiston and Gadsby resource were added in between
4 those two studies. This calls into question Mr.
5 Collins' studies which produced changes of a
6 magnitude in one case of 21 percent after the
7 addition of a single 18.9-megawatt resource.

8 Finally, to borrow a concept from the real
9 estate industry of using comparable properties, a
10 good way to determine the value of an item is to look
11 at what the value has been placed on or paid for
12 similar items in the area. The Pioneer Ridge project
13 is a 70 megawatt wind project located in Tooele,
14 Utah. It is similar to the Spanish Fork project in
15 terms of proximity to load in the Wasatch Front.
16 After performing their own analysis, Pioneer Ridge
17 determined they would not seek an adjustment to their
18 contract price to account for avoided line losses.
19 As the lead negotiator for the Company on the Pioneer
20 Ridge contract, I represent that no concession was
21 granted to the Pioneer Ridge contract in exchange for
22 the position.

23 Also, based on the history of those
24 involved with that project, it is evident that the
25 project had the know-how and the experience to
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1 petition the Commission if they felt an adjustment
2 was at all justifiable.

3 In conclusion, the evidence that's
4 presented in this docket clearly demonstrates that no
5 adjustment to the Spanish Fork Wind Park 2 contract
6 price is justified.

7 And that concludes my summary.

8 MR. BROCKBANK: Mr. Clements is now
9 available for cross-examination and questions.

10 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Why don't we --
11 why don't you move the admission of this. Do we have
12 this marked, his testimony?

13 MR. BROCKBANK: We have not marked it. I
14 would like to -- Mr. Clements filed Direct, Rebuttal
15 and Surrebuttal Testimony. Shall we mark them all
16 three separately?

17 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Yes.

18 MR. BROCKBANK: Rocky Mountain Power moves
19 for the admission of Mr. Clements' testimony, that
20 his Direct Testimony be labeled Rocky Mountain Power
21 Exhibit 1, that his Rebuttal Testimony be labeled
22 Rocky Mountain Power Exhibit 2, that his Surrebuttal
23 Testimony be labeled Rocky Mountain Power Exhibit 3.

24 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. Any
25 objections?

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1 MS. SCHMID: None.

2 MR. PROCTOR: No objection.

3 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. It's
4 admitted.

5 Any questions, Ms. Schmid?

6 MS. SCHMID: No questions from the
7 Division.

8 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Mr. Collins, any
9 questions?

10 MR. COLLINS: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Go ahead.

12 CROSS-EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. COLLINS:

14 Q. You are the Company expert witness in
15 proposing this method, correct, for this docket, to
16 determine line losses?

17 A. Mr. Mark Adams and myself are witnesses in
18 this docket. Depending on the nature of the
19 question, either I will be the witness or he will be
20 the witness.

21 Q. Okay. So in your Direct Testimony you
22 outline the method to determine avoided line losses.
23 And on page 6, line 91 through 96, you calculate the
24 distance between the delivery point of the proxy
25 contract and the load required to, quote-unquote,

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1 "absorb" the output. And then you compare that to
2 the distance to -- that distance to the distance
3 between the delivery of Spanish Fork and the
4 substation load required to absorb that output; is
5 that correct?

6 A. Yes, that's correct.

7 Q. Couldn't the actual end user be quite a
8 distance away from that substation? Couldn't it be
9 20 miles?

10 A. That is possible, yes.

11 Q. Fifty miles?

12 A. Well, actually my analysis was done at the
13 substation level and the amount of load that is
14 associated with each specific substation is something
15 that we can measure and something that we know with
16 certainty. And that is the level at which my
17 analysis is performed.

18 Q. But the actual load could be 40 miles, 50
19 miles, 100 miles away from that substation?

20 A. Could you explain what you mean by "load"?

21 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Can you actually
22 rephrase it as a question.

23 MR. COLLINS: I thought I did.

24 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) Couldn't the actual end
25 user be located as much as 100 miles away from the

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1 substation in which you are saying the power is
2 absorbed?

3 A. It is difficult, if not impossible, to
4 determine which electron flowed to which end user
5 customer.

6 Q. That wasn't my question. My question was,
7 if you have a substation that is isolated, but the
8 actual end users are some distance away from that
9 substation, would it not be true that there would be
10 line losses associated from the delivery of the
11 substation to the end user?

12 A. If you could prove with a certainty that
13 the electron flowed from the substation to that
14 specific end user, then, yes, laws of physics would
15 dictate that there would be losses associated with
16 that transfer, yes.

17 Q. Okay. So you are admitting that the flow
18 of electricity is a lot more complicated than your
19 method has suggested?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And that the flow of electricity is what
22 results in line losses?

23 A. That is one way to measure line losses,
24 yes.

25 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Mr. Collins, for

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1 our record, you need to phrase these as questions.
2 We can hear the intonation in your voice, but you're
3 making statements and we would prefer if you made
4 them as questions.

5 MR. COLLINS: I will try.

6 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) Could you list for the
7 Commission the variables that are important when you
8 study a line loss? What variables make up and
9 determine how much electricity is lost when it
10 travels from the generator to the end user?

11 A. That is a question that I will defer to
12 Mr. Mark Adams as he is our engineer who is prepared
13 to answer such questions.

14 MR. BROCKBANK: Mr. Chairman, could I just
15 state that Mr. Clements' testimony focused on the
16 method suggesting that line losses be calculated
17 pursuant to the proxy contract and the proxy project,
18 and whatever questions Mr. Collins has relating to
19 that I think would be appropriately directed to Mr.
20 Clements. To the extent they involve the physics and
21 the lines and whatever variables are on the electric
22 grid would more appropriately be addressed to Mr.
23 Adams.

24 MR. COLLINS: Okay. I just wanted to ask
25 the question if he was aware of other variables when
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1 he selected this method or the Company selected this
2 method. I will ask those questions of Mr. Adams.

3 MR. CLEMENTS: I would be happy to respond
4 as well to what led to my decision to choose this
5 method if this pleases the Commission.

6 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Go ahead.

7 MR. CLEMENTS: When we evaluated the
8 various methods that were applicable or available to
9 measure line losses or to estimate line losses, and I
10 want to point out that the only way to actually
11 measure line losses is to put a meter at one end of
12 the line and a meter at the other end of the line and
13 then determine what the line losses were.

14 So we looked at measures that were
15 available to predict or estimate what the expected
16 line losses would be. Now, those methods ranged from
17 something very simple, which has been proposed in
18 other dockets, such as taking the FERC OAK rate and
19 applying it based on distance, to something extremely
20 complex where you would run thousands, if not
21 millions, of power flow analysis where you would
22 capture every second in time over a 20-year contract.

23 What the Company attempted to do was to
24 pick a method that had sufficient detail to provide
25 certainty that you're addressing the problem

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1 appropriately, while not picking a method that has
2 such a large and far ranging group of assumptions
3 that those assumptions could easily be wrong and lead
4 to an indeterminate or inappropriate answer for the
5 question at hand.

6 In doing so, the Company arrived on this
7 method where you have a measurable resource, which
8 are the two projects, and you have a measurable and
9 known load which is measured at the substation level.
10 The Company also made note that it was imperative
11 that the comparison be done versus the proxy resource
12 as the proxy resource was referent for pricing.

13 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: But to answer his
14 question, you understand there's other variables that
15 could go into a calculation?

16 MR. CLEMENTS: Absolutely, yes, and we
17 considered those.

18 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) You considered those
19 variables? Did your method take those variables into
20 account?

21 A. No.

22 Q. So then it would be fair to say that your
23 method is deficient in that it does not take into
24 account variables that would determine transmission
25 line losses?

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1 A. Are you asking me if it would fair to say
2 that it is deficient or are you asking me if it is
3 deficient?

4 Q. I'm asking you to say is it deficient.

5 A. No.

6 Q. Is it fair to say it's deficient?

7 A. No as well. For the reasons that I stated
8 before. We felt that the other variables were too
9 difficult to predict with certainty over a 20-year
10 contract life to be considered.

11 Q. Would it be fair to say that given the
12 fact that Wolverine interconnection is at the Goshen
13 substation and that the Goshen substation has a load,
14 according to you, large enough to absorb the
15 generation, that no QF using this method could
16 qualify for line losses?

17 A. No.

18 Q. So no QF could qualify for line losses?

19 A. No, it's not fair to say that. That was
20 your question.

21 Q. Okay. Why wouldn't it be fair to say
22 that? Could you explain a situation in which, given
23 your method, a QF could get line losses?

24 A. I would be happy to. Let's suppose that
25 the Wolverine Creek delivery point was located 50

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1 miles away from the Goshen substation.

2 Q. But it is not.

3 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Let him finish his
4 answer, please.

5 MR. CLEMENTS: Let's suppose that the
6 Wolverine delivery point was located 50 miles from
7 the Goshen substation and that PacifiCorp was
8 required to take delivery at that point and transport
9 the energy 50 miles across the 161-kilovolt line to
10 the Goshen substation. And let's suppose the QF
11 project was interconnected directly to a substation
12 of sufficient size to absorb its load.

13 Without having specifics and without
14 proposing a definitive methodology, that is not my
15 attempt in responding to this question, I would say
16 there could be an argument that the QF project should
17 be awarded a credit for the losses that would occur
18 from the delivery point across the 50 miles of 161
19 line to the Goshen substation. However, that is not
20 the case that we are evaluating today.

21 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) So I'm confused now.
22 Given the specifics of the interconnection of
23 Wolverine at Goshen, could a QF earn line losses
24 using your method?

25 A. Which QF?

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1 Q. Any QF. Any QF.

2 A. The issue at hand today is what are the
3 line losses for the Spanish Fork project. And in
4 trying to determine that we evaluated versus the
5 proxy resource, which happens to be the Wolverine
6 Creek project. It is not -- I am not here to testify
7 as to the Company's proposed method for any other QF.

8 Q. Well, did you -- did he answer my
9 question? Was he responsive?

10 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Go ahead.

11 MR. BROCKBANK: Perhaps you could rephrase
12 it, Mr. Collins. I thought he answered it, but if
13 you don't think he did perhaps you could rephrase it.

14 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) It's kind of a yes or no
15 answer. Is it possible, using your method, for any
16 other QF to qualify for transmission line loss
17 credit?

18 A. Yes, it is possible using my method.

19 Q. Under the specifics of the fact that
20 Wolverine is connected at Goshen, the interconnection
21 point is at Goshen --

22 A. In this specific case --

23 Q. And that's the question I'm asking, in
24 this specific case, is it possible for a QF to earn
25 line loss credits?

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1 A. That wasn't the question you were asking.
2 You were asking if under my method, is there a way
3 that a QF could earn line loss credits. The answer
4 is yes. In this specific instance the distance
5 between the output of the project, the delivery point
6 of the project and the absorption of load is zero
7 because PacifiCorp takes delivery of the Wolverine
8 Creek project inside the fence of the Goshen
9 substation.

10 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Next question,
11 please.

12 MR. COLLINS: I didn't get a yes or no.

13 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) Are you aware that your
14 method contradicts previous Company testimony given
15 by Mr. Griswold?

16 A. Could you point out an example of that?

17 Q. Yes. Mr. Griswold, in his Direct
18 Testimony, suggested that wind projects --

19 MR. BROCKBANK: Mr. Collins, do you have a
20 copy of that for Mr. Clements to see?

21 MR. COLLINS: I do not. But it is on the
22 record. I will paraphrase from his testimony.

23 MR. PROCTOR: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman.
24 Could he state the docket number in which that took
25 place?

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1 MR. COLLINS: That is 03-035-14. It is in
2 the second stage of that where we were discussing
3 transmission issues.

4 MR. PROCTOR: Thank you.

5 MR. COLLINS: It was in his Direct
6 Testimony.

7 MR. PROCTOR: I'm uncomfortable --

8 MR. BROCKBANK: Mr. Chairman, I'm
9 uncomfortable having Mr. Collins characterize a
10 previous PacifiCorp witness's testimony without being
11 able to look at the testimony under other dockets.
12 If he has something for us to look at so I can make
13 sure, I just don't know if he's characterizing it
14 correctly or not. It's not in the record in this
15 docket.

16 MR. COLLINS: Can I have the Commission
17 take administrative notice of his testimony?

18 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: You can do that.
19 Why don't you go on to your next question then.

20 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) On page 4 of your
21 Rebuttal Testimony, line 57 and 61 through 64, you
22 criticize Dr. Collins' use of the power flow models
23 in that they're comparing it to resources other than
24 the proxy resource, and that the results are drawn
25 from conclusions from this comparison between Spanish

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1 Fork's resources and the proxy resource; is that
2 correct? Did I characterize your testimony
3 correctly?

4 A. Yes, that's correct.

5 Q. Are you aware of or did you understand
6 what exactly took place in our power flow study? Did
7 you do any analysis of that?

8 A. Yes, I did.

9 Q. Okay. Could you explain to me your idea
10 of what was performed?

11 A. So to rephrase your question --

12 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Can you be more
13 specific? We're going to be here all day if we can't
14 be real specific as to what you're asking.

15 MR. BROCKBANK: And, Mr. Chairman, I would
16 object to that question. He's asking the Rocky
17 Mountain Power witness to summarize testimony
18 submitted by another party, i.e., himself and Mr.
19 Unger. Mr. Collins and Mr. Unger will be able to
20 speak to their own testimony.

21 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Why don't you get
22 to your specific question related to this issue.

23 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) Okay. Were you aware
24 that there was a direct comparison made between the
25 line losses resulting from Spanish Fork's being put
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1 onto the PacifiCorp's system with the line losses
2 that results when incremental power is put onto the
3 Wolverine generation?

4 A. Yes. I'm aware that Spanish Fork ran
5 several power flow studies that attempted to model
6 exactly what you're referring to.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Although I will not -- by doing so, I'm
9 not agreeing that those models were correct.

10 Q. Okay. But it is a direct comparison.

11 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: That was a
12 statement. Would you please make it a question?

13 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) Would you agree that it
14 is a direct comparison between the proxy model?

15 A. I would agree that the intent of that
16 model was to try and show a direct comparison, yes,
17 although I do not agree with the methodology or many
18 of the assumptions behind the model.

19 Q. Now, in your summary you provided some
20 calculations that line losses were as high as 21
21 percent, that there was huge variations in results
22 that came out of the line loss studies from our power
23 flow models, and you have 21 percent.

24 How did you calculate that number? Where
25 does that come from?

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1 MR. BROCKBANK: Where are you referring in
2 his testimony?

3 MR. COLLINS: I'm referring to his
4 summary.

5 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: He actually called
6 it the summary. It shows where in his testimony that
7 summary statement came from.

8 MR. CLEMENTS: That statement was backing
9 up some points that I had made in my testimony, Mr.
10 Chairman. And I actually pulled the 21 percent
11 number from Wasatch Wind Exhibit 2.1, which was part
12 of Mr. Mike Unger's testimony. The Exhibit does not
13 have page numbers, but it would be the second page,
14 loss analysis, WECC system. Probably if you look at
15 the sixth number down in the far right-hand column
16 you will see a percent change of 21.05 percent.

17 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. You're
18 going to need to identify the exhibit again. I
19 wasn't following you.

20 MR. COLLINS: Sure, I apologize. It was
21 Wasatch Wind Exhibit 2.1.

22 MR. BROCKBANK: Mr. Chairman, if I may
23 clarify, this is in Mr. Unger's, Michael Unger's
24 Direct Testimony. It's an exhibit in his Direct
25 Testimony.

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1 MR. CLEMENTS: As I said, there are no
2 page numbers, but it would be, I believe, the
3 second --

4 MR. COLLINS: It's a one-page document?

5 MR. CLEMENTS: It was actually a four-page
6 document.

7 MS. SCHMID: Five, six. Five.

8 MR. BROCKBANK: Five pages.

9 MR. COLLINS: That was the electronic
10 submission, I guess.

11 MS. SCHMID: Do you want to borrow it?

12 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: So you're
13 referring to Mr. Unger's Direct Testimony and at the
14 end of his written testimony you're referring to
15 Exhibit 2.1. It's entitled "Wasatch Wind, Exhibit
16 2.1, Loss Analysis, Rocky Mountain System." Is that
17 what you're referring to?

18 MR. COLLINS: I'm actually referring to
19 the second page of that. I believe what is occurring
20 here, Mr. Chairman, is the electronic version from
21 which I am drawing my analysis included more
22 information than what was provided in the written
23 version.

24 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Because I do not
25 have that on the file, on the record. In the file of
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1 Direct Testimony I do not have a second page.

2 MR. BROCKBANK: Mr. Chairman, in the
3 electronic filing of Mr. Unger's testimony there was
4 an Excel spreadsheet. By my count, there were five
5 printed pages at least from that spreadsheet, and I
6 only brought one copy for myself and one for the
7 witness. I don't have a copy because it was, I
8 believe, filed with Mr. Unger's Direct Testimony.

9 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: The Commission
10 does not have that.

11 MR. COLLINS: I submitted the -- I did not
12 submit a hard copy of the backup. I submitted that
13 electronically.

14 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Is the backup in
15 the form of a data response or was it intended to be
16 on the record?

17 MR. COLLINS: No, it wasn't. It was just
18 backup calculations. And I believe, and I'll have to
19 ask Mr. Unger, but that was a different scenario that
20 was run that looked at the WECC area and line losses
21 on that. But I'll have to ask my expert witness.

22 MR. CLEMENTS: Mr. Chairman, the file that
23 was electronically sent to the Company as
24 representative of Wasatch Wind Exhibit 2.1 was an
25 Excel spreadsheet that contained four tabs, the first
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1 of which I believe is the page that you are looking
2 at. There were three -- yes, it is that page
3 exactly. The other --

4 MR. BROCKBANK: Just for the record, can
5 you identify what the page was?

6 MR. CLEMENTS: Certainly. It is the page
7 labeled "Wasatch Wind Exhibit 2.1, Loss Analysis,
8 Rocky Mountain System." There were three additional
9 tabs that had other similar looking pages with
10 similar studies from which the Company has performed
11 some analysis and to which I am referring.

12 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Perhaps the best
13 way to talk about this on the record would be for Mr.
14 Brockbank to ask questions of Mr. Unger when he's our
15 witness.

16 MR. BROCKBANK: That's fine. I just want
17 to make sure that Mr. Collins asks Mr. Clements where
18 he got that number and that's where he got it from.
19 It's just difficult to show on the record.

20 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) So when you re -- I
21 didn't write it down -- but when you recalculated the
22 average percentages changes you included the study
23 from the other tab that included the entire WECC line
24 losses; is that correct?

25 A. I'm not sure to what you're referring when
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1 you say I calculated.

2 Q. Well, you presented in your summary
3 recalculations of average line losses.

4 A. Yes. I'll be happy to respond to that.

5 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Question, please.

6 MR. CLEMENTS: I'll interpret the question
7 and respond accordingly. In your Direct Testimony
8 you said that you averaged the 11 studies performed
9 and came up with 3.37 percent. Mr. Collins said in
10 his Direct Testimony that if the averaged 11 studies
11 performed and came up to 3.7 percent. In Mr. Mike
12 Unger's Direct Testimony as electronically filed, he
13 provided a Exhibit 2.1 which contained more studies
14 that were performed by Wasatch Wind, more than 11, in
15 fact more than 40. I took the liberty of calculating
16 the average of the studies that were not included in
17 Mr. Collins' 11 study average to determine what their
18 levels were as well. So yes, I did perform that
19 analysis.

20 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) So there were 40
21 studies; is that correct?

22 A. As I counted them, there were 40 studies.

23 Q. And were you aware what the other studies
24 entailed?

25 A. I was aware to the extent that they were
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1 identified in the spreadsheet. One was identified as
2 Loss Analysis, WECC System. The other two were
3 identified as other studies that were done, one I
4 believe was Malin to Mid-Point and another that I
5 don't recall. They were provided by Mr. Unger and I
6 was curious as to why those studies were not included
7 in the average since they were performed.

8 MR. COLLINS: Okay. We'll address that
9 when we talk to Mr. Unger.

10 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) Now, you criticize the
11 power flow method as only giving a snapshot in time;
12 is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Does your method provide a dynamic
15 approach to calculating line losses?

16 A. No, it does not.

17 Q. Does your method take into account the
18 impacts on the system?

19 A. There is no way to take into account the
20 impacts of the system over a 20-year contract period
21 unless you include various assumptions as to the load
22 and resource balance and additions over that 20-year
23 period. For that reason I felt it was more
24 appropriate to take the snapshot look at the
25 substation level where there are less minor

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1 variations in load and resources than a snapshot
2 elsewhere.

3 Q. So you adopted this because it was a
4 simpler method?

5 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Is that correct?

6 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) Is that correct?

7 A. It was a more justifiable method, yes.

8 Q. Justifiable in that it excludes known
9 variables?

10 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Mr. Collins, we
11 need you to ask questions for our record. It comes
12 across in the record as being argumentative. Your
13 responsibility at this point in the proceeding is to
14 ask questions and then you can make all the
15 statements you want when you do your testimony.

16 MR. COLLINS: Okay. I'm not trying to
17 testify, I'm trying to ask questions. I'm not
18 trained as a lawyer, so I beg the Commission's
19 patience.

20 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) I guess what my question
21 is, when choosing a method should one look for
22 simplicity only or should one try to incorporate all
23 of the variables that might lead to a solution?

24 A. I believe I answered that in an earlier
25 response. I would be happy to rephrase my response

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1 if it pleases the Commission.

2 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Go ahead.

3 MR. CLEMENTS: When we evaluated the
4 various methods, you have to strike a balance between
5 a simple method that will address the problem and a
6 complex method that introduces so many variables and
7 assumptions that there is concern that the variables
8 and assumptions will be incorrect and you will be
9 unsure of the output of the model that uses those
10 variables and assumptions.

11 So there is a balance between a simple
12 method that addresses the problem and a complex
13 method that also addresses the problem, but then
14 creates multiple other problems in that the inputs
15 and the assumptions and the variables could be
16 incorrect. And we feel we have struck that balance
17 with our method.

18 MR. COLLINS: I don't think I have any
19 further questions.

20 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Thank you.

21 Mr. Proctor, any questions?

22 MR. PROCTOR: No. Thank you very much.

23 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Thank you, Mr.
24 Clements.

25 Oh, wait, wait, wait. Redirect, Mr.

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1 Brockbank?

2 MR. BROCKBANK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. BROCKBANK:

5 Q. Mr. Clements, Mr. Collins asked you about
6 your recalculation of some of the averages of the
7 results of Mr. Unger's spreadsheets that were
8 included with his testimony. Could you please
9 explain a little bit of what you did in recalculating
10 those averages and what the results of those were?

11 A. Sure, I would be happy to.

12 If the Commission would turn to their
13 Exhibit 2.1 of Mr. Mike Unger's Direct Testimony,
14 that will help to clarify what I did in my analysis.
15 As you will see, second line down is the WECC Heavy
16 Winter 2006 study. That yielded a percent change in
17 losses of minus 4.6 percent. I counted that as one
18 study.

19 Mr. Collins, in his Direct Testimony, put
20 forth that he averaged the studies that are on this
21 page and that is how he came up with the 3.37 percent
22 proposed loss adjustment. The additional
23 spreadsheets that were provided in the electronically
24 filed Direct Testimony of Mr. Mike Unger as Exhibit
25 2.1 had similar studies labeled in a similar manner,
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1 WECC Heavy Winter 2006, for example, and they
2 provided a percent change similar to the 4.68 that I
3 just mentioned.

4 MR. BROCKBANK: For the record, if I may,
5 because the Commission doesn't have those sheets, the
6 top of the other sheets that Mr. Clements is
7 referring to is stated "Loss Analysis, WECC System,"
8 and the other four pages do not have headers. So
9 it's difficult to identify them, but they are the
10 four following pages.

11 MR. CLEMENTS: In that manner I averaged
12 the other studies that were labeled in a similar
13 manner to come up with the averages that I spoke of
14 in my summary testimony, which were well below 1
15 percent. And I can only assume that those studies
16 were excluded since they were well below and
17 contradictory to the point Mr. Collins was trying to
18 put forth.

19 MR. BROCKBANK: Thank you.

20 MR. COLLINS: Can I ask a follow-up
21 question?

22 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Go ahead.

23 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. COLLINS:

25 Q. Is it your testimony or the Company's
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1 testimony that it is difficult to estimate what the
2 impacts on the entire western U.S. grid system would
3 be of an 18.9 megawatt addition?

4 A. I think I referenced that in my summary
5 testimony. I will also defer that question to Mr.
6 Mark Adams.

7 Q. And that second study, WECC Line Losses,
8 would that not be, in your estimation when you look
9 at that title, the line losses associated with the
10 entire WECC region?

11 A. It was a study run by Wasatch Wind so I
12 don't want to put forth an opinion on what it was.

13 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Mr. Collins, later
14 in the proceeding I assume you will be asked why you
15 chose what studies you chose.

16 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Thank you. That's
17 all.

18 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Mr. Boyer has a
19 question.

20 COMMISSIONER BOYER: Yes. Mr. Clements,
21 if you know the answer to this. In the Wolverine
22 contract, the proxy contract, is there either
23 implicitly or explicitly an adder for avoided line
24 losses?

25 MR. CLEMENTS: To my knowledge, no, there
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1 was no compensation paid to Wolverine Creek for
2 avoided line losses.

3 COMMISSIONER BOYER: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. Thank
5 you, Mr. Clements.

6 MR. BROCKBANK: Should we call our next
7 witness, Mr. Chairman?

8 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Please.

9 MR. BROCKBANK: Our next witness is Mr.
10 Mark Adams.

11 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: If you would stand
12 there and we'll swear you in. Raise your right arm
13 to the square.

14 Do you swear that the testimony you're
15 about to give in this proceeding is the truth, the
16 whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you
17 God?

18 MR. ADAMS: I do.

19 MARK ADAMS,
20 called as a witness, being first duly sworn, was
21 examined and testified as follows:

22 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Thank you.

23 Mr. Brockbank.

24 MR. BROCKBANK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. BROCKBANK:

3 Q. Mr. Adams, please state your name, title,
4 and for whom you work for the record.

5 A. My name is Mark Adams. My title is
6 Manager of Area Planning for Rocky Mountain Power.
7 And my business address is 1407 West North Temple
8 Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

9 Q. Are you the same Mark Adams that filed
10 Rebuttal Testimony and Surrebuttal Testimony in this
11 proceeding?

12 A. I am.

13 Q. And if you were going to say -- would you
14 say the same things today verbally that you have
15 stated in writing in your testimony?

16 A. I would.

17 Q. Do you have any corrections to your
18 testimony?

19 A. I do. And maybe I can preface why. I
20 used a computer draft of Mr. Collins' testimony and
21 some of the page numbers in that were a little messed
22 up so I have some page numbers and line number
23 changes in my testimony.

24 So if you would turn to my Rebuttal
25 Testimony on page 6, line 93, I quote page 6, line 3

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1 of Mr. Collins' testimony. It should be page 6,
2 lines 7 and 8.

3 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. Before
4 you go on, when you say your Rebuttal Testimony, I
5 show that while it's Rebuttal Testimony, it's the
6 testimony that's labeled "Testimony of Mark G.
7 Adams"; is that correct?

8 MR. BROCKBANK: Yes, that's correct.
9 Dated January 31, 2007.

10 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. Just
11 so we're aware of which we're working on. Please
12 continue.

13 MR. ADAMS: Okay. On page 8, line 153 of
14 my testimony, I quote page 9, line 16 of Mr. Collins'
15 testimony. It should be page 6, lines 19 through 21.

16 Then finally, on page 9, line 171 of my
17 testimony, I quote pages 10 through 13 of Mr.
18 Collins' testimony. It should be pages 7 through 10.

19 Q. (BY MR. BROCKBANK) Is that all the
20 corrections, Mr. Adams?

21 A. That is.

22 Q. Mr. Adams, do you have a brief summary of
23 your testimony?

24 A. I do.

25 Q. Could you please provide it for the
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1 Commission?

2 A. Thank you.

3 Mr. Chairman, Mr. Commissioners. As I see
4 it, the primary purpose of a power flow model is to
5 calculate the robustness of an electrical system by
6 using a computer program to simulate that electrical
7 system. Most electric utilities and support staff,
8 such as Western Electricity Coordinating Council, run
9 these power flow models. There are myriads of models
10 available for review, each one of which makes
11 specific assumptions. It is true that one of the
12 side benefits of a power flow model is it can be used
13 to calculate line and transformer losses.

14 The danger of gathering these losses is
15 that a computer power flow model will measure a
16 snapshot in time and is not designed to measure
17 losses over a 20-year life of a project. Each time
18 you change a load value, add a new resource, move a
19 capacitor or a transformer setting, it will cause you
20 to run additional power flow cases as you try to
21 calculate those elusive line and transformer losses.

22 Now, the Wasatch Front is growing at 4.1
23 percent a year, which means that the 4,100 megawatts
24 we saw this year could be as high as 9,100 megawatts
25 by the year 2026. That means an additional 5,000

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1 megawatts of new resource will be needed to be added
2 to the system in the next 20 years. I do know that
3 neither Rocky Mountain Power, nor Mr. Unger, nor Mr.
4 Collins, made any attempt to predict the effect this
5 level of load growth would have on the Spanish Fork
6 Wind project and the line calculations done.

7 Second, using the WECC power flow models
8 described in the testimony given by Mr. Unger and Mr.
9 Collins, there was no attempt to represent the
10 subtransmission that is the 46 through 69 kV system
11 to more accurately calculate the effect this project
12 would have on the load buses in the area, even though
13 the system impact study recommended Spanish Fork Wind
14 Plant consider installing the transfer trip scheme to
15 avoid damage in the unit under certain surge outages.

16 In simple terms, this means modeling the
17 subtransmission rebuild circumstances which showed
18 certain outages would cause high voltage and
19 potential damage to the Spanish Fork Wind project,
20 but their model did not represent that 46 kV system.

21 Third, the cases that were run included
22 line and transformer losses for the whole western
23 United States, a 100,000-megawatt system, totaling
24 5,000 megawatts of line losses. In most cases, the
25 change in losses result in a few hundred kilowatts on

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1 a 5,500-megawatt loss which would likely exceed the
2 accuracy of the model in the first place. You almost
3 lose it in the noise, so to speak.

4 Finally, in both the case of the proxy and
5 the Spanish Fork project, the effects of other
6 utilities in the area were ignored. At Wolverine
7 Creek there would have been significant impacts to
8 Idaho Falls City as well as Bonneville Power
9 Administration.

10 At Spanish Fork Wind Park the effects to
11 Provo City and Southern Utah Power Producers were
12 ignored. In conclusion, I would submit that power
13 flow models are not the most accurate method to
14 calculate losses for this project.

15 And that is my summary.

16 Q. Thank you, Mr. Adams.

17 MR. BROCKBANK: Mr. Chairman, he's
18 available for cross-examination.

19 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Why don't we go
20 ahead and mark his testimony.

21 MR. BROCKBANK: Thank you. My apologies.

22 Rocky Mountain Power would move the
23 admission of Mr. Mark Adams' testimony dated January
24 31, 2007 as Rocky Mountain Power Exhibit 4 and Mr.
25 Adams' Surrebuttal Testimony as Rocky Mountain Power

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1 Exhibit 5.

2 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. Are
3 there any objections?

4 MS. SCHMID: None.

5 MR. PROCTOR: No objections.

6 MR. COLLINS: None.

7 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. It's
8 admitted.

9 MR. BROCKBANK: Now Mr. Adams is available
10 for questions.

11 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Thank you.

12 Ms. Schmid?

13 MS. SCHMID: No questions.

14 MR. PROCTOR: None.

15 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Mr. Collins.

16 CROSS-EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. COLLINS:

18 Q. Mr. Adams, as an engineer can you tell us
19 what variables should be included in calculating line
20 losses? What variables are important and will have
21 an impact on how much loss is associated with
22 transmission from generation to load?

23 A. Okay. The main purpose of trying to
24 calculate what line losses or transformer losses, we
25 maybe need to drop back into Physics 101 for just a

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1 minute. Line losses are as a result of current flow
2 through a conductor or through a transformer. So
3 those transformers or currents have a resistance
4 component and a reactance component. As you get
5 current flow through that resistance and reactance
6 components you generate what we call $I^2 R$
7 ($I^2 R$) losses. So it's a function of the current
8 flow times twice the resistance through a line or
9 through a transformer.

10 Those two things together gives you a way
11 to calculate those line losses or transformer losses.
12 So it's -- if you know what the current flow is and
13 you know what the resistance of the wire is you can
14 calculate line losses.

15 Q. So could you put that into layman's terms?
16 What sorts of variables are important? So
17 resistance -- conductor size?

18 A. Conductor size.

19 Q. How about distance?

20 A. Conductor distance.

21 Q. Okay. Conductor size. How about voltage
22 levels?

23 A. Voltage levels is less important.

24 Generally you can -- when you calculate a resistance
25 of the wire, the resistance is a function of the

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1 voltage. So in -- I'll just respond. If you had a
2 similar type wire, same conductor size, and you
3 operate it at 46 kV and you pushed the same amount of
4 current through it, a 46 kV wire would have about 12
5 times the line losses as a 161 kV line with the same
6 wire.

7 Q. For a certain level of current?

8 A. For the same level of current, yes.

9 Q. How about, and you have already mentioned
10 transformers are important in determining line
11 losses.

12 A. Well, transformers also have losses. A
13 transformer manufacturer, when they make it, will
14 come up and give you the resistance measured through
15 the transformer as well as the reactance measured
16 through the transformer. You have that number and
17 you put a full rate of current through the
18 transformer and you calculate losses.

19 Q. How about the stepping up and stepping
20 down voltage levels?

21 A. The voltage doesn't have anything to do
22 with the transformer. The resistance is the same
23 whether you step up or step down. So once you know
24 the impedance of the transformer you can calculate
25 the losses.

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1 Q. Okay.

2 A. Now, the size of the transformer has much
3 more to do with the number of losses you have than
4 the voltage of the transformer. Big transformers
5 have less losses than smaller transformers.

6 Q. Okay. So I have distance, voltage levels,
7 conductor size, transformers. How many of those
8 variables did your method include?

9 MR. BROCKBANK: I object to that question,
10 Mr. Chairman. I don't believe Mr. Adams proposed a
11 method.

12 MR. COLLINS: Well, I have a problem here
13 then. I was going to ask Mr. Clements these
14 questions, but he deferred to Mr. Adams. And now I
15 ask Mr. Adams and I get, "Well, he didn't propose a
16 method." So --

17 MR. BROCKBANK: If I remember correctly,
18 Mr. Clements stated that his method did not address
19 any variables, it was based on the proxy contract.
20 Mr. Adams did not propose a method.

21 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: That point is
22 already on the record.

23 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) As an engineer, when we
24 place another generator on the system, if you wanted
25 to calculate the impact on system line losses, you

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1 would have to analyze the system, correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Does the method that your colleague
4 proposed analyze the system, the impacts on the
5 system?

6 MR. BROCKBANK: Again, the question has
7 been asked and answered by Mr. Clements. To the
8 extent Mr. Collins has questions on Mr. Clements'
9 proxy-related losses methodology, I would suggest
10 they should have been asked to Mr. Clements. Mr.
11 Adams did not file Direct Testimony, he only filed
12 Rebuttal Testimony here. He did not have a
13 methodology.

14 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. I
15 agree. Please continue.

16 Mr. Collins, we just request that your
17 questions relate to the testimony that Mr. Adams has
18 filed.

19 MR. COLLINS: Okay. I'm just a little
20 discombobulated because I got deferred. I had a
21 whole set of questions on the method and I got
22 deferred because Mr. Clements was not an expert or an
23 engineer and couldn't explain variables that would
24 influence line losses. And then when I asked the
25 engineer -- well, anyway, I'll go on.

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1 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) You did perform a power
2 flow study and presented those results?

3 A. A member of my staff did several power
4 flow studies and presented them to the staff in a
5 Technical Conference, yes.

6 Q. So you understand kind of the workings of
7 the power flow model and what kind of assumptions are
8 made and how it works, et cetera?

9 A. Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Those are two
11 statements back to back. Again, please try to keep
12 them as questions.

13 MR. COLLINS: I keep thinking they are,
14 but I apologize.

15 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: We can hear your
16 intonation, but our transcript will not show that.

17 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) Is it true that the
18 power flow model incorporates all of the variables
19 that you listed before; distance, voltage levels,
20 conductor size, transformer changes? Is that
21 correct, that a power flow model incorporates all of
22 those variables in its analysis?

23 A. A power flow model introduces only those
24 assumptions that the study engineer introduces into
25 the case. For example, the power flow studies my
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1 staff did included the subtransmission system for
2 Rocky Mountain Power, the 46 kV system in Southern
3 Utah, the 46 kV system in Idaho and the 69 kV system
4 in Idaho.

5 Now, the studies Mr. Unger included,
6 although we started out with the same model, did not
7 include those subtransmission systems. So the answer
8 to the question is yes, they included all the
9 assumptions made, but can a model make assumptions
10 that are not real or make assumptions that are
11 speculation? And the answer to that question is yes
12 too. You can guess what the future will bring and
13 study that future hoping to get it right or you can
14 simplify your study to make it easier and get other
15 results too.

16 Q. So you are suggesting that one should
17 modify the model in order to get more accurate
18 results, right?

19 A. Every planning engineer will model by a
20 base case model to get the results he wants, yes.

21 Q. Now, these WEC models, where do they get
22 their information on transformers and lines and all
23 of the inputs that they would put in to construct
24 those models?

25 A. I believe in my testimony I mentioned that
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1 WECC, which is Western Electricity Coordinating
2 Council, is a member group of utilities, and each of
3 those member groups, I think there's like 57
4 utilities that are part of it, each submit the
5 complexity they want included in the model to the
6 WECC staff and they modify that study reflecting the
7 complexity of each of these member utilities. Now,
8 some utilities provide much detail in the model and
9 some utilities don't provide very much detail.

10 Q. Okay. But the information is provided by
11 the utility itself?

12 A. That's correct. And then the staff will
13 sometimes remove some of the lower voltage equipment
14 from the model just because it makes the model
15 cumbersome to run. Computer technology is limited
16 and if you try to include every bit of the system
17 you'll never get a model to solve. So they have a
18 tendency to balance between getting results and
19 getting results this month or this year.

20 Q. Okay. So there is some give and take on
21 how much information you want to put in?

22 A. There's some art involved, yes.

23 Q. Okay. Now, in page 5 of your Rebuttal
24 Testimony you were critical of Mr. Unger's use of an
25 unmodified WECC-based case; is that correct?

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. And in particular, your criticism sort of
3 centered on the fact that the subtransmission system
4 had not been included in our model; is that correct?

5 A. That's correct. As I mentioned earlier, a
6 161 kV system has -- well, I should say our 46 kV
7 system has 12 times the line losses of a 161 system.
8 So if you ignore all the 46 kV system, all the 69 kV
9 system, you don't pick up all the line losses.

10 Q. Okay. Now, when you ran your model, you
11 did --

12 MR. BROCKBANK: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to
13 object to the reference to "your model." Mr. Adams
14 provided some data in a Technical Conference, but
15 none of that data is on the record. He didn't submit
16 it in any testimony. I don't have a problem with him
17 discussing what he did in the Technical Conference,
18 but I just want to make it known it's not on the
19 records here.

20 MR. COLLINS: He referred to it in his
21 Rebuttal Testimony.

22 MR. BROCKBANK: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Can you point to
24 me what you're referring to?

25 MR. COLLINS: Okay. On page 4 of his --

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1 it's just marked "Testimony," but I believe it's his
2 Rebuttal Testimony. Page 4, it starts off, "Did you
3 modify the WECC power flow base case?" If so, why."
4 He goes on to say, "Yes, I modified the base case."

5 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: So that's what
6 you're referring to, you're referring to this model
7 right here?

8 MR. COLLINS: That's correct.

9 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Thank you. Now
10 please continue with your question.

11 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) You ran that model.
12 Could you tell us a little bit about how you ran that
13 model, what assumptions you made? You had estimates
14 of line losses. And could you tell us what that line
15 loss was associated with as far as what area and
16 could you tell us a little bit about what assumptions
17 you made about the generator that was backed down?

18 A. Okay. First of all, what we did is, in
19 the case of the proxy project, we assumed that that
20 proxy project was located 14 miles east of Goshen on
21 a 161 kV line owned by the proxy project. At that
22 point we used a, I believe it was a summer, heavy
23 summer 2006 loading case with normal line
24 configurations.

25 In other words, those lines that are
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1 normally in service during the summer peak were in
2 service; those transformers that were normally in
3 since were in service, capacitors, all the other
4 various bits and pieces of equipment that is normally
5 operational during the summer peak we assumed were in
6 there.

7 We ran the case with I believe it was 18.9
8 megawatts of wind farm at Wolverine Creek, asked for
9 the loads in that area around Goshen and the losses
10 around Goshen, that's what we called a zone. We
11 break the various system into pockets around a
12 particular area. The area around Goshen was the zone
13 we used. Compared the zone losses with the Wolverine
14 Creek project on and with the Wolverine Creek project
15 off, okay?

16 We did the same thing around Spanish Fork.
17 Again, we modeled the normal existing system as we
18 would have saw it summer of 2006. And again, those
19 were pretty easy to find because the summer 2006
20 occurred after -- or before this model. So we knew
21 exactly what the system looked like so we could
22 fine-tune the system to reflect what actually
23 happened during that season. Again, we put the
24 generation on at Spanish Fork, took the generation
25 off at Spanish Fork and compared the line losses in
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1 those two cases.

2 Q. And so that would be a direct comparison
3 between line losses associated with and without
4 Wolverine and comparing that to line losses with and
5 without generation at Spanish Fork, correct?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. Now, U.S. made those line losses just for
8 the area around there; is that correct?

9 A. That is correct.

10 Q. So your study would not have calculated or
11 even attempted to measure what the system impacts
12 would be; is that correct?

13 A. Okay. One thing about power flows, is
14 power flows do not measure line losses. They
15 calculate them. The only way you can measure them is
16 to go put a meter out there and measure, okay?

17 Q. I'm corrected. Okay, so they calculate.

18 A. That's right. Now, for these two groups
19 of studies, you know, we could have measured the
20 whole western United States grid losses just to see
21 what happened, but in the case of these results we
22 only measured around Spanish Fork for one and around
23 Goshen for the other.

24 Q. Okay. Now, could you have measured what
25 the impact would have been on PacifiCorp's system?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And how come you did not measure that?

3 A. Well, generally when we were doing power
4 flows, we generally don't do power flows to try to
5 predict the effectiveness of a wind project and a
6 20-year life of the line losses for that system. The
7 only reason we ran studies at all in this case was to
8 help out at the Technical Conference. So we ran a
9 few small power flows to see how close things were.

10 Q. As an engineer, when you add a generation
11 to a system, is it going to affect the system's line
12 losses?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. So you could assume that when you added
15 power at Spanish Fork that it would have some impact
16 on the system's line losses, correct?

17 A. Correct. And as you recall from Mr.
18 Clements' testimony, he indicated that the addition
19 of five major coal plants in the Wasatch Front or in
20 Rocky Mountain Power over the last 10 years did very
21 little, if any, to change the line losses of the
22 whole PacifiCorp system.

23 Q. Okay. So we're comparing apples to
24 oranges in that? The question is --

25 A. I think what we're saying is in most cases

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1 the line losses on a small plant didn't do anything
2 to the system.

3 Q. But we're comparing changes, wholesale
4 changes and looking at average line losses from one
5 period to another versus adding one resource to the
6 system and comparing it to a base case; is that
7 correct?

8 A. Please restate that again.

9 Q. I'll try to get it into a question.

10 A. It's getting complicated for me.

11 Q. Is it your opinion that the correct way to
12 measure the impact of a generator on the PacifiCorp
13 system would be to study the effects on the entire
14 system as opposed to just the effects at the local
15 area?

16 A. Well, the correct way to measure line
17 losses is to put meters up.

18 Q. Okay. And we've established that that is
19 not a cost-effective way?

20 A. That is correct.

21 Q. So we're looking for a cost-effective way
22 to estimate, calculate line losses, correct?

23 A. I believe that is correct.

24 Q. And we're trying to, just from your
25 opinion, we would try to include as many variables as
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1 possible that would have an impact on line losses,
2 correct?

3 A. To the point that it's cost effective.

4 Q. Exactly. To the point that it's
5 cost-effective.

6 A. Okay. And I would submit running
7 thousands of power flows to try to generate that is
8 not cost-effective.

9 Q. Okay. But wouldn't some information be
10 better than no information?

11 A. And that's correct. And we do have some
12 information.

13 Q. Okay. And the information that we have on
14 this record that you have reviewed and rebutted is
15 that we had studies done that directly compared line
16 losses from Spanish Fork with line losses from
17 Wolverine, and in what was presented in my testimony,
18 that 10 out of 11 cases that Spanish Fork had less
19 line losses than Wolverine; is that correct?

20 A. That's what your results indicate. But I
21 would submit that because you do not include the
22 subtransmission system in your calculations, the
23 results I got were almost extreme the other way, that
24 the line losses of Spanish Fork were five times the
25 line losses of Wolverine Creek.

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1 Q. Okay. But you have stated that line
2 losses were very miniscule at this level; is that
3 correct?

4 A. Well, in both cases the line losses were
5 in the hundreds of kilowatts.

6 Q. Okay. But when you put it into percentage
7 terms it was fairly small, correct?

8 A. That's right. In both Mr. Unger's cases
9 and in my cases they were all in the hundreds of
10 kilowatt range.

11 Q. Okay. But in percentage terms it was in
12 the 4 or 5 range? There was a range, correct?

13 A. There was a range, yes.

14 Q. Now, when you run different models and
15 different scenarios, wouldn't you expect that there
16 would be different line losses associated with those
17 different years and different scenarios and load
18 conditions, times --

19 A. Load conditions, assumptions. All those
20 things, absolutely.

21 Q. So it wouldn't surprise you as an engineer
22 that there would be variations in the estimates of
23 line losses predicted by power flow studies?

24 A. Absolutely. That's correct.

25 Q. And so the criticism that because there
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1 were a lot of variations, that it is not a valid
2 method doesn't hold a lot of water?

3 A. Well, I guess the point we're making is
4 we're talking about line losses that are so small on
5 the scheme of things you're almost down into the
6 noise and you're within the accuracy of the program,
7 we're talking five or six significant figures in the
8 calculations of the model, you know. Now, you can
9 try to do that just based on guessing and get almost
10 that close.

11 Q. Well, did you do any statistical analysis
12 about what the noise is and versus what these models
13 predicted?

14 A. No. Just over 30 years of experience we
15 can tell whether it's close or it's way out.

16 Q. Okay. And it was just that 30 years of
17 experience that said that it doesn't make any sense?

18 A. Is that a question?

19 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: I don't understand
20 the question, Mr. Collins.

21 MR. COLLINS: Well, I'll withdraw that.

22 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) Now, going back to your
23 running of the model, in order to inject power into
24 either Wolverine or into Spanish Fork, you have to
25 make an assumption of backing down a particular
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1 generator; is that correct?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. Okay. And what generator did this model
4 back down?

5 A. Okay. The swing machine that Rocky
6 Mountain Power uses for most of their power flow
7 models is the Bridger Power Plant.

8 Q. Okay. Now, what made you choose the
9 Bridger Power Plant?

10 A. It's not probably my choice to use
11 Bridger. That's generally the one that the Rocky
12 Mountain Power uses for their model. In the case of
13 Wolverine Creek, Bridger is a direct source to
14 Goshen. And so if you're going to provide input into
15 the Goshen area it seems reasonable to back down
16 Bridger.

17 Q. Okay. Now --

18 A. Because the Goshen system is kind of a
19 little island off by itself and it's tied to that
20 system via Goshen through -- or via Bridger through a
21 345 kV line.

22 Q. Now, in your testimony you said that
23 economics should dictate what resource gets backed
24 down; is that correct?

25 MR. BROCKBANK: Could you please refer to

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1 his testimony?

2 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Where in my testimony
3 did I say that?

4 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) It is on page 11, lines
5 227 to 230. I think that's --

6 A. Right. I believe I say on page 11 that in
7 real life the Company adjusts generation output by
8 economics. Now, I'm in the planning group, and I'm
9 not in generation or economics at all, so that's an
10 assumption on my part. I would assume we backed down
11 the unit that cost the most rather than the one that
12 cost the least.

13 Q. Okay. And are you aware of the GRID
14 model?

15 A. I'm aware that it exists, but I've never
16 used it.

17 Q. Do you know that the GRID model is used as
18 the way to calculate avoided cost and that it has
19 been approved by this Commission to determine avoided
20 cost for thermal resources?

21 A. I'm aware of that, yes.

22 Q. And would you suggest -- how is the GRID
23 model, how does it determine what to back down?

24 A. As I mentioned, I've never used the model
25 so I have no clue.

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1 Q. Okay. Would you take it as an assertion,
2 take it to check with your colleagues that it is done
3 on an economic basis?

4 MR. BROCKBANK: Mr. Chairman, I object to
5 that question. Mr. Adams has stated he's not
6 familiar with the model.

7 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: The objection is
8 sustained. Next question, please.

9 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) Now, getting back to
10 your modified model, would we, as a party in this
11 case, have been able to duplicate that model?

12 A. Absolutely.

13 Q. So tell me how. What would I need to know
14 to be able to duplicate that model?

15 A. What you would probably have to do is send
16 your consultant in, we could review all the
17 assumptions made in the model. He could make the
18 same assumptions in his model and get the same
19 answer.

20 Q. Okay. But would it have been just as easy
21 for us to have gotten that model from you, gotten a
22 copy of it so we could have run that model?

23 A. If you had chose to.

24 Q. Okay. When we asked you to run certain
25 scenarios, and in fact we were criticized for asking

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1 because it is expensive and it takes time, we were
2 denied; is that correct?

3 MR. BROCKBANK: Mr. Chairman, I would
4 object to that question. This is a -- Mr. Collins
5 did not object to the Company's not providing the
6 response to the model runs he asked. This is a legal
7 issue, it's not one for the witness.

8 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Let's hear your
9 next question.

10 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) One final line of
11 questions on this model. So your model ran and
12 estimated the line losses associated with just the
13 area around Goshen and the area around Spanish Fork;
14 that's correct?

15 A. That's what we limited the model to, yes.

16 Q. And our model didn't get that kind of
17 granularity. We just estimated what the system's
18 impacts would be.

19 A. Yes. The western United States, that's
20 correct.

21 Q. Now, when you say the western United
22 States.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Now, how do you -- on what basis do you
25 make that assertion?

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1 A. Well, as we look at Mr. Unger's results
2 that we've already discussed, they talk about the
3 WECC model. If you look at the WECC model, they talk
4 about a 5,500-megawatt loss system. To get those
5 kind of line losses you have to include the whole
6 western United States.

7 Q. Okay. So our runs included the entire
8 western system?

9 A. United States, yes.

10 Q. But is it your understanding that the
11 estimates provided on Wasatch Wind 2.1 were of line
12 losses directly associated just with the PacifiCorp
13 eastern system?

14 A. No, I can't make that statement.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. Again, there was four groups of studies.
17 I believe one of the groups of studies included just
18 the what we call PAC East system. The others
19 included other things that aren't labeled so it's
20 hard to know.

21 Q. Okay. Would it be appropriate to include
22 the results of your study that looked at the
23 subtransmission level with the results of the model
24 that looks at the entire system, the higher voltage
25 transmission system?

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1 A. I would say no. Only because as you
2 introduce a bigger and bigger system you also
3 introduce the capability of adding additional errors,
4 additional assumptions. Again, we're talking about
5 very small losses. And you include a much bigger
6 system, you get, you know, the ability to skew the
7 results even more than we have today. Again, you'll
8 lose it in the noise if you include a bigger set of
9 pictures.

10 Q. But again, is it your opinion that some
11 information is better than no information when making
12 a decision?

13 A. My opinion is faulty information is worse
14 than no information.

15 Q. And so you're saying that the information
16 that came out of -- are you implying that the
17 information that came out of our power flow studies
18 is faulty?

19 A. No, I'm not.

20 Q. Okay. Now let's change subjects here a
21 little bit. We have another model that is out on the
22 kind of table and that was presented by the Division,
23 sort of a modified method to your distance approach,
24 simplistic distance approach. And that tries to
25 measure where the line losses from the point of
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1 interconnection to where the loads are; is that
2 correct?

3 A. That's correct. It tries to use megawatt
4 of load to line miles of line.

5 Q. Okay. And in your criticism of that
6 approach and in your criticism of my rebuttal to Dr.
7 Abdulle's approach, you state that Mapleton, which is
8 located I think 4.5 miles from the interconnection
9 point or from the Spanish Fork substation --

10 A. From the Spanish Fork substation, yes.

11 Q. Which has a peak load of I believe 10 to
12 12 megawatts?

13 A. Ten megawatts, yeah.

14 Q. Ten megawatts. And that it would not be
15 able to handle the complete load for Wasatch Wind; is
16 that correct?

17 A. The peak load is 10 megawatts, Wasatch
18 Wind is 18.9. You will never get there.

19 Q. Okay. So can you tell me how often, in
20 your estimation, Spanish Fork is going to be
21 operating at 18 megawatts?

22 A. I have no idea.

23 Q. So --

24 MR. BROCKBANK: Objection. I think he
25 said 10 megawatts for Spanish Fork.

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1 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: No, I heard 18.

2 MR. BROCKBANK: No, I mean the witness.

3 The witness said 10 megawatts and Mr. Collins said 18
4 megawatts for Spanish Fork.

5 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: I didn't hear a
6 discrepancy. I hear our witness talking about the
7 load at Mapleton and I hear Mr. Collins talking about
8 the output from Spanish Fork. Please continue, Mr.
9 Collins.

10 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) So I know you're not an
11 expert in wind, but wouldn't you assume that there
12 would be a large majority of the time that it would
13 be operating under the 18 megawatts?

14 A. In a normal power flow case, when we study
15 peak conditions, we would probably study that system
16 as Wasatch Wind being off because we can't depend on
17 it being there during the summer peak.

18 Q. Okay. But that would be a different type
19 of study. That would be a study to look at the
20 reliability of the system; is that correct?

21 A. That's what I do, yes.

22 Q. Okay. But this, we're trying to estimate
23 line losses; is that correct?

24 A. I assume that's where you're going.

25 Q. So wouldn't it be fair to say that if
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1 Wasatch Wind's plant at Spanish Fork was operating
2 below capacity that most the power could flow to
3 Mapleton?

4 A. Not necessarily. I would say Mapleton,
5 the peak load in the middle of the night during
6 summer might be three or four megawatts. You know,
7 it's well under half during the middle of the night
8 and maybe approaching that 10 megawatts only during
9 the hottest day of the year, July 20th or whatever.
10 So most of the time it's well under 10. So to
11 predict whether Wasatch Wind will match up with
12 Mapleton is an exercise in statistics that I don't
13 do.

14 Q. Okay. So this method really wouldn't take
15 into account the dynamics of the system and
16 fluctuations of load and fluctuations of power, it's
17 just measuring straight distance, correct?

18 A. I'm assuming.

19 Q. And so again, it would exclude important
20 variables in determining line loss; is that correct?

21 A. Again, I would assume that's probably
22 correct.

23 Q. And so if we were to judge that, it would
24 be a deficient system in that -- method in that it
25 did not incorporate these variables?

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1 A. Once again, it's a case of does it give
2 you a close answer without spending a lot of
3 resource. We've already concluded power flows don't
4 work very well just because it takes thousands of
5 them to try to do it. We've now determined that this
6 isn't a very good method either because it doesn't
7 try to track the dynamic load system.

8 Q. But it does track the dynamics.

9 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Mr. Collins, how
10 many more questions? I'm trying to anticipate when
11 we should take a break.

12 MR. COLLINS: I have probably another 10
13 minutes or so.

14 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Let's take a
15 15-minute recess.

16 (Recess taken.)

17 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Let's go back on
18 the record. Mr. Collins.

19 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) On page 11, line 211 to
20 214, you referred to our introduction of line losses
21 associated with the 14-mile stretch between Wolverine
22 and Goshen; is that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And that we did not take that section of
25 line into account in our line loss power flow study;

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1 is that correct?

2 A. Excuse me, I'm just reading here. What my
3 statement on page 11 says is we've already discussed
4 the fact that the customer-owned 14-mile Wolverine to
5 Goshen line will incorrectly introduce additional
6 line losses to the power flow case as reported by Mr.
7 Collins. Since those line losses would not be
8 incurred by PacifiCorp, they would need to be
9 discounted from the results.

10 Now, I have since learned you did not
11 include the 14 miles in your analysis so that -- my
12 statement is probably incorrect.

13 Q. Okay. And so would it be okay to strike
14 those portions of your testimony referring to your
15 criticisms of 14-mile line not being considered?

16 MR. BROCKBANK: I object to that question.
17 If Mr. Collins has made his point it's on the record.

18 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Just so long it's on
19 the point that we did not include that in any of our
20 studies.

21 MR. ADAMS: Unfortunately, the line miles
22 should have been included in the studies, just not
23 the line loss results. See, you get a better study
24 if you include the actual line miles that are there,
25 which Mr. Unger did not do in his study. You just

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1 would have to discount those line losses as part of
2 the study results. Do you understand where I'm
3 going?

4 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) No.

5 A. The 14 miles of line between Goshen and
6 Wolverine Creek do exist so they should be included
7 in the study.

8 Q. But wouldn't those 14 miles of line be
9 included in the WECC model?

10 A. No. It's new enough it's probably not
11 included in the WECC model. Having not seen the
12 model he's using, I could not tell you whether the
13 Wolverine Creek is in the model or not.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. I inferred from talking to Mr. Unger that
16 they were not included, that he lumped the generation
17 right at the Goshen bus.

18 Q. Now, on page 13, line 264 to approximately
19 273, you criticize -- you quote my criticism of the
20 power flow model and that a definitive solution would
21 require multiple runs. And then you state that the
22 method that would be best -- get the best results for
23 the effort produced would be your transmission source
24 method, which is just the simplistic distance method.

25 A. Mr. Clements' method, yes.

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1 Q. Okay. Now, I know you're not an
2 economist, but are you aware of the concept of sum
3 costs?

4 MR. BROCKBANK: I would object to this
5 question. Mr. Adams is an expert witness. He's an
6 engineer, he's not an economist, as stated by Mr.
7 Collins.

8 MR. COLLINS: I'm just asking if he
9 understands some costs. I mean, he can say no or he
10 can say yes.

11 MR. ADAMS: I've heard of the term.

12 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) Okay. Do you understand
13 the concept or you just have heard "sum costs"?

14 A. Well, do I understand it as an engineer or
15 do I understand it as an economist?

16 Q. Well, as an engineer.

17 A. I believe I understand it as an engineer.

18 Q. Okay. Could you give me your
19 understanding of "sum costs" as an engineer?

20 A. Once you've spent the money it's gone.

21 Q. Okay. So going forward, would you take
22 that cost into account when you're looking at
23 spending money going forward?

24 MS. SCHMID: I have a question.

25 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: I don't know how
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1 this relates to his testimony. I gave you a question
2 or two to see how this related to his testimony but I
3 don't --

4 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) Okay. Let me ask the
5 question right off. If the money -- you were
6 criticizing the use of this complicated model because
7 it's expensive, the power flow model, correct?

8 A. Well, it is expensive and it has the great
9 indication of introducing lots of errors.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Because what you're trying to do with the
12 power flow model is predict these thousands of
13 variables into the future.

14 Q. But it gives us a snapshot in time,
15 correct?

16 A. That's right. Each power flow run is a
17 snapshot in time.

18 Q. Okay. And so it will tell us at that
19 point in time what the line losses are and it
20 includes all the variables that should be required in
21 determining line losses; is that correct?

22 A. Based on the assumptions you've made.
23 Now, you can make faulty assumptions and you can make
24 incomplete assumptions and get the wrong answer.

25 Q. Granted, granted. But given that Wasatch
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1 Wind has already expended money to run these, that's
2 sum costs, correct?

3 A. I'm assuming you paid for your studies,
4 yes.

5 Q. Yes, we did. And so that argument
6 shouldn't hold sway because we've already expended
7 our money and we're looking at this as only a method
8 for determining line losses in this case; is that
9 correct?

10 A. Please repeat that.

11 Q. This docket is not about producing a
12 generic method for determining avoided line losses
13 for all QFs, it's just to determine line losses for
14 this particular project; is that correct?

15 A. I'm assuming that's correct.

16 Q. Okay. On page 3 of your Surrebuttal,
17 you are talking about the distance model that was
18 proposed by Dr. Abdulle?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And I believe it's on that page, you make
21 reference to the fact that we should use not the last
22 incremental power out of Wolverine, but the first
23 incremental power out of Wolverine. Do I have the
24 cite correct and page? I might be off.

25 A. I don't see it on page 3. Sorry.

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1 Q. Do you recall that testimony?

2 MR. BROCKBANK: Mr. Collins, Mr. Chairman,
3 it would be helpful if he could show him what
4 testimony he's referring to.

5 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: We would ask you
6 to point to the testimony that you're questioning.

7 MS. SCHMID: And to help me, can you
8 provide a date as well, please?

9 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: He said
10 Surrebuttal, so I assume that's February 15th.

11 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

12 MR. BROCKBANK: Mr. Chairman, while he's
13 looking for that, just a housekeeping matter. I
14 don't know how long the Commission plans on
15 continuing tonight. We do have quite a few questions
16 for Mr. Unger and Mr. Collins. I just want to make
17 the Commission aware of that. We're getting close to
18 four o'clock.

19 MR. COLLINS: Okay. I'll skip that
20 question.

21 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) In your opinion as an
22 engineer, is it important in determining benefits to
23 the system if you locate generation withinside a
24 transmission constrained area?

25 A. That's a reasonable premise.

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1 Q. So a generator that is located in what we
2 might call a load pocket and the Wasatch Front would
3 be regarded as a transmission constrained area or a
4 load pocket; is that correct?

5 A. Not necessarily. It depends on the
6 transmission system around it. Transmission
7 constrained means you don't have enough transmission
8 facilities in the area to get generation from the
9 generation point to the load point. If you have lots
10 of transmission system it's not a transmission
11 constrained system.

12 Q. But you stated in your summary about a
13 statistic, and I will refer back to your testimony,
14 that the Wasatch Front area is growing at a
15 phenomenal rate; is that correct?

16 A. It's growing at 4.1 percent.

17 Q. Okay, 4.1 percent. So, you know, if we
18 use the Rule of 72, 72 into -- 4 into 72 will give
19 you us the number of years it will take to double
20 that amount, correct?

21 A. It will double more than 20 -- or double
22 in less than 20 years.

23 Q. Okay. So as an expert in transmission, do
24 you foresee that there will be transmission
25 constraints in this area in the next 20 years if we
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1 don't build any new transmission?

2 A. And if we don't build any power plants in
3 the area, that's probably true.

4 Q. So a generator located within this area
5 will provide benefits in that it might avoid
6 transmission costs or provide power within this load
7 pocket, correct?

8 A. Depending on where on the transmission
9 system it is, yes.

10 Q. But you would -- if you had your choice as
11 a transmission expert, you would rather locate a new
12 generation inside the load pocket as opposed to
13 outside that load pocket?

14 MS. SCHMID: Excuse me. I have a
15 question. I'm confused. I'm not sure how this
16 relates to calculation of line losses. It may be a
17 personal deficiency.

18 MR. COLLINS: It has a direct effect in
19 that we should be comparing the two resources
20 together, all right? So we have to look at the
21 benefits of a proxy resource and the benefits of a
22 QF resource.

23 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Let's not have
24 this discussion back and forth. Are you about done?

25 MR. COLLINS: I am. This is the last
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1 question.

2 MR. ADAMS: Was there a question?

3 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Could you restate
4 it, please?

5 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) As a transmission
6 engineer, given the choice, would you, if you could
7 choose where to locate a new generation, would you
8 locate it inside the load pocket or outside the load
9 pocket?

10 A. If I had my choice, I would locate the
11 generation next to a load pocket. Now,
12 unfortunately, in the case of the Wasatch Wind Park,
13 you've located your project on a small skinny 46 kV
14 line that's quite a ways away from the load pocket.
15 If you were to locate it right at, say, the Spanish
16 Fork 148 kV bus, that would be a much more ideal
17 location to put it.

18 Q. Are you aware that there are other areas
19 of the country that pay extra for generation that's
20 located withinside a load pocket as opposed to
21 outside a load pocket?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Would you be surprised that the New
24 England ISO has locational marginal pricing and, in
25 fact, pays higher amounts to generation inside the

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1 load pocket as opposed --

2 MR. BROCKBANK: I would object to this
3 question. This has nothing to do with Mr. Adams'
4 Rebuttal or Surrebuttal Testimony.

5 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: The objection is
6 sustained.

7 MR. COLLINS: All right. I have no other
8 questions.

9 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Thank you.

10 Mr. Proctor, any questions?

11 MR. PROCTOR: No questions. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Any redirect? Go
13 ahead.

14 MR. BROCKBANK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

15 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. BROCKBANK:

17 Q. Mr. Adams, a few minutes ago before we
18 took the break, Mr. Collins was asking you some
19 questions about the fact that he said -- he asked you
20 whether you meant to imply that their inputs of their
21 transmission model studies were faulty and you
22 responded no. Do you remember that exchange?

23 A. Yes, I remember that.

24 Q. Although you said that the inputs are not
25 faulty, do you believe that the inputs were correct

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1 for calculating line losses?

2 A. I believe their inputs were incomplete.
3 They did not include all of the system that should
4 have been included.

5 Q. And by failing to include all of that, is
6 that going to have also an incomplete analysis when
7 the model is run?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Mr. Collins also asked you about the fact
10 that variations in different line loss studies, and
11 he said something to the effect that the fact that we
12 have different outcomes based on different models and
13 different assumptions, that's just a fact of life
14 when you have different models and different
15 assumptions. Do you remember that exchange?

16 A. I remember that exchange, yes.

17 Q. Do you believe that that kind of variation
18 in line loss models is going to provide this
19 Commission any meaningful guidance to calculate and
20 predict line losses for a particular project?

21 A. I do not. As I mentioned before, when you
22 have that kind of variation on this kind of a system,
23 we're down into the noise as far as the calculations
24 are concerned into the fourth and fifth significant
25 figure. And, you know, you get that kind of

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1 fluctuation all the time.

2 Q. The model that Mr. Collins was asking you
3 about, the model runs that you provided for the
4 Technical Conference, would you consider that model
5 more accurate than that performed by Mr. Unger and
6 Mr. Collins?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Could you explain why?

9 A. Only because we included the
10 subtransmission system in both the Goshen model as
11 well as the Spanish Fork model as a result of
12 including those lower voltage systems. As I
13 mentioned earlier, losses are a function of voltage.
14 And as a result, a 46 kV system will have 12 times
15 the losses of a 161 kV system. So if you don't
16 include all the loss pieces, you haven't gathered
17 everything.

18 Q. Could you please compare the results of
19 your model line to those of Mr. Unger's and Mr.
20 Collins'?

21 A. Well, Mr. Unger's results indicated that
22 over the 11 runs he did they had an average of 3
23 percent higher losses for the Wolverine Creek project
24 versus the Spanish Fork Wind project. The results of
25 my studies indicated that Wolverine Creek had about a

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1 fifth of the losses that the Spanish Fork project
2 did. So the Spanish Fork had five times the losses.
3 Now, the numbers are small, but they were five times
4 bigger.

5 Q. Sure. In your opinion, if you were to use
6 Mr. Collins' and Mr. Unger's method using the power
7 flow study but modeled it with the correct level of
8 detail that you have discussed both in your testimony
9 and in responding to Mr. Collins' testimony here, do
10 you believe that an adjustment would be appropriate
11 or justified for line losses?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Can you explain how?

14 A. Well, I believe if you used the same
15 granularity to Mr. Unger's model that I used to mine
16 it would reflect that same five times difference in
17 the Spanish Fork Wind versus the Wolverine Creek.
18 And if we were to adjust -- then you would adjust it
19 such that Spanish Fork would pay more for line losses
20 than Wolverine Creek did.

21 Q. So in that case are you saying, then, that
22 if all the inputs were correct, those that you have
23 discussed, that the Wolverine Creek proxy project
24 would actually avoid more losses than the Spanish
25 Fork Wind project?

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1 A. That was the results of my study.

2 Q. Thank you.

3 MR. BROCKBANK: No further questions.

4 MR. COLLINS: I do have a follow-up
5 question.

6 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Go ahead.

7 REXCROSS-EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. COLLINS:

9 Q. Your line loss study that you performed,
10 you only reported the line loss associated with the
11 area immediately around where the generation
12 occurred; is that correct?

13 A. I included the line losses around that
14 pocket of load around where that generation occurred.
15 Now, that pocket of load, in the case of Spanish
16 Fork, included approximately 400 megawatts of load
17 around that system. In the case of Goshen it
18 included about 700 megawatts of load around that
19 Goshen system. So it was just not a small pocket.
20 It was most of southern Idaho and most of Utah
21 Valley.

22 Q. But you didn't take into account what the
23 impact is on the system as a whole; is that correct?

24 A. Of the whole western United States?

25 Q. No, no. Just of the specific PacifiCorp

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1 PAC East system.

2 A. I did not include all the losses in the
3 PAC East system, that's correct.

4 Q. Now, you stated that at the local level
5 you had five times the amount of line losses from
6 Spanish Fork versus Wolverine. And then you stated
7 that it was your opinion that the same amount of line
8 losses would occur at the system level; is that
9 correct? Is that your testimony?

10 A. I didn't mention anything on the system
11 level. I did state that, based on my studies, the
12 line losses at Wolverine Creek were a fifth of the
13 line losses of the Spanish Fork system for the pocket
14 of load we gathered around Spanish Fork and Wolverine
15 Creek.

16 Q. Okay. So you're not making any
17 assumptions about how it would affect and have an
18 impact on the system?

19 A. On PAC East or WECC, no.

20 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Thank you. Any
22 other redirect? All right.

23 Thank you, Mr. Adams.

24 MR. ADAMS: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: I would typically
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1 go to the Division next, but I think what I would
2 like to do is do the cross-examination of Mr. Unger,
3 in the event that we have to come back, then you all
4 can make the decision whether you need him on the
5 phone or not. Since we have him, let's do that. Is
6 that all right?

7 MR. BROCKBANK: Well, it's a little tricky
8 because Mr. Collins' testimony describes the models
9 run by Mr. Unger. Mr. Unger's testimony basically is
10 the spreadsheet saying "here's the results of my
11 model runs." And so it's difficult to know which
12 questions I should address to Mr. Collins and which
13 ones I should address to Mr. Unger because Mr.
14 Collins described the model runs. And I'm afraid
15 that if I have questions for Mr. Unger, they would be
16 more of a follow-up. That's my concern.

17 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Well, then I'll
18 stay with my initial inclination. Ms. Schmid, go
19 ahead with your witness.

20 MS. SCHMID: Hello. The Division would
21 like to call Dr. Abdinasir Abdulle as its witness.
22 Could Dr. Abdulle please be sworn?

23 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Have you not
24 testified in this docket yet?

25 MR. ABDULLE: I did not testify in this
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1 docket.

2 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Okay. Please come
3 up to the witness stand. Do you swear that the
4 testimony you're about to give in this proceeding is
5 the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth,
6 so help you God?

7 DR. ABDULLE: I do.

8 ABDINASIR ABDULLE,
9 called as a witness, was examined and testified as
10 follows:

11 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Thank you.

12 Ms. Schmid.

13 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY MS. SCHMID:

16 Q. Dr. Abdulle, could you please state your
17 full name and business address for the record.

18 A. My name is Abdinasir Abdulle and I work
19 for the Division of Public Utilities. And the
20 address is Heber Wells, 160 East 300 South.

21 Q. Thank you.

22 Ms. Andrea Coon previously was involved in
23 this docket on behalf of the Division of Public
24 Utilities; is that correct.

25 A. That's correct.

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1 Q. But since she has left you have become
2 involved and before that you were aware of this
3 docket; is that correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Did you file Direct Testimony which has
6 been premarked as Exhibit DPU Exhibit 1.0 with an
7 Exhibit premarked as DPU 1.1 in this docket?

8 A. Yes, I did.

9 Q. Do you have any corrections to that
10 prefiled Direct Testimony?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Did you file Surrebuttal Testimony
13 premarked as DPU Exhibit Number 1.0SR with DPU
14 Exhibit Number 1.1SR and DPU Exhibit Number 1.2SR?

15 A. Yes, I did.

16 Q. Do you have any corrections to that?

17 A. Yes, I do.

18 Q. And for convenience, we'll note that we
19 have passed out substitute sheets, but I believe it
20 would be helpful for Dr. Abdulle to go through the
21 changes.

22 A. In the testimony, my Direct Testimony at
23 page 3, line 5, in parenthesis I have "DPU Exhibit
24 1.0, Revised." I will change that to DPU Exhibit
25 1.1SR.

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1 On same page, line 11, it starts with 2.33
2 miles. I will change that to 4.79 miles. And at the
3 end of that same line, DPU Exhibit 1.1 should be
4 changed to DPU Exhibit 1.2SR.

5 On page 4, line 19, question 6, it reads
6 as "On page 6, lines 91 to line 98, Mr. Clements." I
7 would insert right there proposes, the word
8 "proposes."

9 And the rest of my changes are on the
10 exhibits. Exhibit 1.1SR, at the bottom, counting
11 from the bottom, fourth line from the bottom there is
12 7.63 in the middle of the line. I would change that
13 for 11.35. And counting from the bottom, line 2,
14 instead of 9.83, I have 13.55.

15 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: And you've made
16 those corrections on your revised exhibit, right?

17 MS. SCHMID: Those are the two sheets that
18 I have passed out, yes, the revised exhibits. The
19 other corrections in the testimony I did not pass out
20 revised sheets for.

21 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Okay.

22 DR. ABDULLE: On DPU Exhibit 1.2SR , in
23 the first column I had 38.9. That's not correct.
24 The correct number is 18.9. And then under the
25 column headed by Megawatt Miles, somewhere down the

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1 line I have 2.33 which should be 4.79. And below
2 that 2.33 should also be 4.79.

3 Following those two lines I had 5.89 which
4 should be replaced with 4.79. And down from the
5 bottom, fourth line from the bottom, and instead of
6 7.63 I have 11.35, and 9.83 I have 13.55.

7 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: I would also note
8 that those are also -- those changes are shown on the
9 revised Exhibit, 1.2SR.

10 DR. ABDULLE: Yes.

11 MS. SCHMID: The Division would like to --

12 Q. (BY MS. SCHMID) Do these corrections
13 change your conclusion that there should be no line
14 losses awarded to Spanish Fork?

15 A. They don't change my conclusions.

16 Q. If asked the same questions as set forth
17 in your Prefiled Testimony and as corrected today,
18 would your answers be the same as stated and as
19 corrected today?

20 A. Yes.

21 MS. SCHMID: The Division would like to
22 request that Exhibit Number 1.0, DPU Exhibit 1.1,
23 DPU Exhibit Number 1.0SR, DPU Exhibit Number 1.1SR,
24 DPU Exhibit Number 1.2SR, and then I guess that
25 would have to be DPU 1.1SR Revised and DPU 1.2SR

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1 Revised, as distributed here today, be admitted.

2 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Are there any
3 objections?

4 DR. PROCTOR: No objections.

5 MR. COLLINS: No objections.

6 MR. BROCKBANK: No objections.

7 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. It's
8 admitted.

9 Q. (BY MS. SCHMID) Dr Abdulle, do you have a
10 brief summary of your testimony that you would like
11 to provide today?

12 A. Yes, I do.

13 Q. Please proceed.

14 A. The Division believes that line losses are
15 physical realities that are there whenever the
16 electricity is flowing through the conductors. There
17 are a number of factors that affect line losses.
18 These factors include, but are not limited to, the
19 distance the power is moved, transformer conversion,
20 the ambient temperature and many others.

21 However, determining the exact line loss
22 associated with a specific qualifying facility is
23 problematic at best. It requires a determination of
24 which resources or purchase is backed down or which
25 sale is incurred as a result of the QF coming in

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1 online in each and every hour. For this and other
2 reasons, the Commission, in Docket Number 03-035-14,
3 ordered that the price for Utah Wind QFs should be
4 determined using the proxy method adjusted for
5 project-specific differences.

6 Wasatch Wind, knowing this Commission
7 Order, chose to use the GRID model to determine what
8 resources should be backed down and then perform its
9 analysis accordingly to using the power flow model.

10 This is contrary to the Commission Order.
11 However, even if we assume that the method used by
12 Wasatch Wind is correct, it suffers a mathematical
13 problem. Wasatch Wind calculated the percent change
14 in line loss using the nameplate for Spanish Fork
15 rather than the megawatt losses of the base case as a
16 denominator. We correct that and use the megawatt
17 loss as a case denominator with the results that
18 Wasatch Wind will change from 3.0 percent loss, 3.3
19 percent average loss to 0.21 percent. Therefore,
20 Wasatch Wind data shows that there is no significant
21 line loss differences between the plants.

22 Now, when I'm saying "significant," I'm
23 not saying it in the sense of statistics. I'm saying
24 it's not -- it's much less than what they assumed it
25 to be.

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1 The Division recommended that the price
2 adjustments for the avoided line loss should be based
3 on line loss comparisons between the two plants,
4 Spanish Fork and Wolverine. This is consistent with
5 Commission Order. To perform such line loss
6 comparisons the Division recommended a method that
7 compares the distance between the point of connection
8 and the nearest load centers and transfers the
9 conversions also. Using this methodology the
10 Division found that each megawatt will have to travel
11 to an average of 13.55 miles from Spanish Fork Wind
12 interconnection point to the nearest load center and
13 5.89 miles from Wolverine connection point to the
14 load center.

15 What we found regarding the transformer
16 conversion is that Wolverine is associated with more
17 conversions than the Spanish Fork. However, most of
18 the Wolverine transformations are happening on the
19 large transformers rather than small transformers.
20 And the large transformers will have less power loss
21 than the small transformers.

22 The Division disagrees with the method
23 used by the Company. This method does not consider
24 the line loss that will be realized as electricity
25 flows from substation to the load centers. However,

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1 the method that has been used and the method that the
2 Division uses do have same conclusions, and the
3 conclusion is that line loss should not be considered
4 for Spanish Fork.

5 And that concludes my statement.

6 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

7 Dr. Abdulle is available for questions.

8 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. Let's
9 first go to you, Mr. Brockbank. Do you have
10 questions for Dr. Abdulle?

11 MR. BROCKBANK: No questions, Mr.
12 Chairman.

13 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Mr. Collins?

14 CROSS-EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. COLLINS:

16 Q. So you were assigned to this project kind
17 of like at the very end; is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And do you feel like you had enough time
20 to become a transmission expert in this -- for this
21 docket?

22 A. I could use more time, but what I had was
23 enough.

24 Q. Okay. Now, you state in your Direct
25 Testimony on page 2, line 12 to 14, that there's a

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1 number of different factors that should be included
2 in the line loss study and you included those in your
3 summary. And does the Company's method include all
4 of those variables?

5 A. To my understanding, the Company's method
6 and my method did not include all possible variables.

7 Q. Okay. So it would be deficient in the
8 fact that it doesn't include all those variables?

9 A. No.

10 Q. It's sufficient?

11 A. I think what we did is sufficient. We're
12 not trying to pinpoint what the exact line loss is.
13 What we're saying is there are all these factors of
14 determining what the line loss should be and
15 calculating the line loss with precision would be
16 time consuming, resource consuming, and very
17 expensive.

18 If we could go the easiest route, which is
19 determining whether these factors, whether the two
20 plants differ in these factors, then we will not need
21 to go there. If we find that they differ in these
22 factors, like the distance that the transformation
23 and conversion, then we will have a reason to go
24 ahead and do a full-fledged line loss study. But
25 knowing that those two factors are the biggest

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1 factors and seeing that there is no difference in
2 those two factors between the two plants, the need
3 for going full-fledged is not warranted.

4 Q. Okay. So you did sort of a, how do I
5 describe this, a test to see whether further studies
6 would be warranted. And your preliminary tests,
7 screening tests, I guess you could call it, led you
8 to the decision that further study was not warranted;
9 is that correct?

10 A. I wouldn't call it a screening test. It's
11 a real test that we were doing which made us believe
12 that line loss difference are not there because there
13 is no difference in, considerable difference in
14 dissenting our transformers.

15 Q. All right. But we've already established
16 that there's other important variables to consider in
17 the line loss study, correct?

18 A. It depends on how we define "important."

19 Q. Well, impacts on the system, what
20 generators get backed down.

21 A. We don't think that those factors do
22 significantly contribute to line losses. They
23 contribute some, but it's not a big deal.

24 Q. But you didn't do any specific studies to
25 substantiate that conclusion?

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1 A. No. But what we see is that you guys did
2 some different study and made some mathematical
3 errors. I follow your method and accept it the way
4 it is. It leads to the same conclusion that we made.

5 Q. Okay. Let's get to that point. You said
6 we made an error in the way we calculated the
7 percentage change?

8 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

9 Q. Can you tell me what exactly is the nature
10 of the problem? What are we trying to determine in
11 our line loss study or in this docket itself?

12 A. What we are trying to determine in this
13 docket is whether there's a line loss difference
14 between the two plants.

15 Q. Okay. And it's going to be associated
16 with the introduction of generation by Spanish Fork's
17 facility into the system and we're going to compare
18 that to the introduction of generation at the
19 Wolverine, the proxy, correct?

20 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

21 Q. All right. So if we're going to look at
22 the change in the system, wouldn't it be more
23 appropriate to use the amount of production, the
24 energy that was injected by this particular project
25 to find out what the entire impact on the system

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1 would be? Because what we're trying to do, and this
2 is a question, do you believe that this is the
3 question, we're trying to figure out how to adjust
4 the contract for this particular QF; is that correct?

5 A. Yes. We are trying to find out how to
6 adjust it, whether we should or not.

7 Q. Okay. So I guess my question is, why
8 would you choose to find out what the percentage
9 change in line loss is associated with the QF? Why
10 would you choose to use the system production as the
11 base to determine your percentage change?

12 A. The way you calculated your methodology,
13 your percent change was you took what you call a base
14 case scenario which includes Wolverine and not
15 Spanish Fork. Then you back down 19 megawatts of
16 Wolverine and inject it into the Spanish Fork line,
17 took the difference between those two scenarios, the
18 before and after, and divided by 19 megawatts which
19 is the nameplate of Spanish Fork.

20 The way I was taught, and I think most of
21 us were taught, that's not the way you calculate
22 percent change. The percent change is before, the
23 after minus the before, divided by the before. So
24 basically that gives you the percent change of the
25 base case because your difference was based on that.

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1 So the method you are using is not mathematically the
2 proper way to do it. I can't even call it average
3 change. I don't know what to call it.

4 Q. So you're saying we should calculate the
5 percentage change in line losses for the entire
6 system; is that correct?

7 A. If you did your differences for the entire
8 system then that's the case.

9 Q. So we should be -- so should we be
10 compensated for the benefits that we provide to the
11 entire system?

12 A. I'm --

13 Q. So we would adjust our contract to reflect
14 the fact that it was, I can't remember, .011 percent
15 of, you know, a huge number?

16 A. What I'm saying is that there should be no
17 line loss credits for Spanish Fork. My criticism of
18 your methodology is your methodology and I don't
19 think it was properly run.

20 Q. But you criticize the percentage change
21 and I just -- if you're going to base that percentage
22 change on the entire system then we should be
23 compensated for the benefits, that 1.01 percent, and
24 we'll adjust that based on all of the megawatts that
25 were avoided?

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1 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Are you arguing
2 with the witness or is that a question?

3 MR. COLLINS: I guess that's a question.

4 MS. SCHMID: Could you please restate it
5 in a more simple understandable form?

6 MR. COLLINS: I apologize.

7 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) I guess it depends on,
8 is it your opinion that the way you calculate
9 percentage changes depends on the question that you
10 ask?

11 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

12 Q. Okay. And the question that is being
13 asked in this docket is what is the impact on line
14 losses associated with one particular project,
15 Spanish Fork; is that correct?

16 MS. SCHMID: Objection. I think has
17 already been asked and answered.

18 MR. COLLINS: All right. Well, I'll move
19 on.

20 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) Now, in your
21 calculation, in your revised calculation, DPU
22 Exhibit 1.1SR Revised, you calculate the megawatt
23 miles for the entire output of Wolverine; is that
24 correct?

25 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

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1 Q. So what we're doing is finding the average
2 line losses associated with Wolverine; is that
3 correct?

4 A. Average miles electricity has to travel to
5 get to the use point.

6 Q. Right. Average megawatt miles?

7 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

8 Q. You are an economist, correct?

9 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

10 Q. Economists, when they make decisions, do
11 they use marginal costs or do they use average costs?

12 A. Marginal costs most of the time.

13 Q. Okay. So usually we do a marginal
14 analysis. And so we're looking at the additional,
15 the last production produced to get our marginal
16 cost; is that correct?

17 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

18 Q. Okay. So wouldn't it be more appropriate
19 if we were going to be doing an economic analysis of
20 this to use the last 18.9 megawatts of Wolverine
21 versus an average of the megawatt miles for
22 Wolverine?

23 A. Can you restate the question?

24 Q. Wouldn't it be more appropriate to use
25 marginal megawatt miles for Wolverine to do analysis

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1 of line losses versus an average megawatt miles to
2 determine line losses for Wolverine?

3 A. If you are determining -- I don't
4 understand the question probably, but if I understood
5 it, that you mean marginal, you are expressing
6 marginal as the last megawatt you used?

7 Q. Well, we'll take the incremental, we'll
8 take the last 18.9 megawatts and see where those last
9 18.9 megawatts travel to.

10 A. When I take the 18.9 megawatts from
11 Wolverine, that is my Exhibit 1.2SR.

12 Q. Do I have that?

13 MS. SCHMID: I passed that out earlier.

14 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) So I'm just getting
15 this. In this, didn't you take the first megawatts
16 coming out of Wolverine? I mean, you have 20
17 megawatts that has zero miles because it's consumed
18 in Goshen, correct?

19 A. Go ahead.

20 Q. Shouldn't you be taking, if we're going to
21 go with marginal, the last produced? We should be
22 taking the megawatts associated with the 16 miles
23 from Goshen to Ammon and the 12 miles from Goshen to
24 Idaho Falls distribution circuit ? That gives us 28
25 -- well, let's see, the megawatts gives us just a

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1 little over 20.

2 A. Just a little over 20 is much more than
3 18.5.

4 Q. Well, yes.

5 A. .9.

6 Q. Well, slightly.

7 A. Why would I do that?

8 Q. Because you would be finding marginal
9 analysis taking the last megawatts produced at
10 Wolverine.

11 A. The way I understand marginal analysis,
12 and the way you're interpreting it is a little
13 different. The way I understand it is the last unit
14 produced, the last megawatt produced.

15 Q. Okay. I would agree with that. And
16 that's theoretical. But if you're going to put the
17 theory into practice then you would take the last
18 incremental production, which would be the last --
19 incremental is marginal -- it would be the last --

20 MS. SCHMID: Objection. Is there a
21 question there? It seems quite argumentative.

22 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) Yes. My question is,
23 why didn't he follow economic analysis of a marginal
24 analysis? He's done some sort of an average and I
25 want to know the justification for it.

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1 A. I followed economic analysis here and
2 mathematical analysis, which is I'm trying to compare
3 the distance traveled by the megawatt produced from
4 the two plants. And I am not doing it on the whole
5 and I'm doing it on an average level based on how
6 they are traveling a different -- so it's way average
7 here what I'm trying to do here, and that's the
8 proper way to do it.

9 Q. So you used an average and you're saying
10 that using an average is the proper way to do an
11 analysis?

12 A. Because we're not doing --

13 Q. You just said before that we should be
14 using marginal analysis.

15 A. Well, we're not doing here the last
16 megawatt produced. So if I'm not doing the last
17 megawatt produced then I should go that way.

18 Q. Okay. But if you were to -- I don't want
19 to beat a dead horse here, but if you can't take just
20 the last megawatt, you would take the last 18
21 megawatts, correct, rather than the first 18
22 megawatts out of Goshen?

23 A. No.

24 MS. SCHMID: I would say we've already
25 probably discussed this sufficiently. Asked and
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1 answered.

2 Q. (BY MR. COLLINS) All right. On page 4 of
3 your Surrebuttal Testimony you criticize Mr. Unger
4 for not comparing the proxy line losses with Spanish
5 Fork line losses. After your review of what has
6 actually occurred, do you still believe that there
7 wasn't a direct comparison of line losses of Spanish
8 Fork with the line losses associated with Wolverine?

9 A. The line losses that Mr. Unger did was
10 based on an average of some 17 runs, some of which
11 collapsed together, taking the difference to bring it
12 down to 11. And they involve backing down other
13 resource -- resources other than Wolverine, and
14 that's not bad to compare to.

15 Q. Okay. But we did run a set of studies
16 where we directly backed down Wolverine and increased
17 the power at Spanish Fork; is that correct?

18 A. Yes. The very first study you did is
19 that, but the number you proposed of 3.3 is not based
20 on that.

21 Q. Okay. But our first set of data does do a
22 direct comparison according to you, correct?

23 A. That's what you intended to do, to
24 calculate percent change by doing direct comparisons,
25 but I don't think it was properly done.

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1 Q. Could you elaborate on why it wasn't
2 properly done?

3 A. Because you are calculating percentage the
4 wrong way, in my mind.

5 Q. So it gets to this idea of the calculation
6 of percentages?

7 A. Yes. I don't exactly know what
8 assumptions you guys run, I don't exactly know what
9 has been included or not has been included in your
10 runs. But if I look at what I have in front of me,
11 which is your exhibit that came with Mr. Unger's
12 testimony, I think that you tried to calculate the
13 percent difference between the two in your first set
14 of runs.

15 I cannot comment on what assumptions you
16 guys put in. And that's okay because I'm not an
17 engineer, but I can comment exactly what out of the
18 results you get, the output you get, how did you run
19 that mathematical to get to the percent change that
20 you are suggesting? That's where I had a problem
21 with.

22 MR. COLLINS: Okay. I think that's all my
23 questions.

24 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. Thank
25 you.

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1 Mr. Proctor?

2 MR. PROCTOR: No questions.

3 COMMISSIONER ALLEN: Mr. Abdulle, I just
4 have one quick question for you because I'm sitting
5 here trying to remember back to my previous life in
6 business school.

7 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Dr. Abdulle.

8 COMMISSIONER ALLEN: Dr. Abdulle, I'm
9 sorry. Thank you for that correction.

10 I'm trying to think back. The type of
11 analysis that we're discussing here to up this point
12 in some detail, does this type of analysis with these
13 type of variables and inputs, does it necessarily
14 allow itself to have -- to statistically calculate
15 confidence levels? Is this the kind of analysis
16 where you can come back and say there's a high level
17 of confidence? What would be your professional
18 assessment of this kind of data analysis?

19 DR. ABDULLE: Which?

20 COMMISSIONER ALLEN: In terms of the power
21 flow studies and in terms specifically of your
22 numbers where you're looking at changing 3.3 to .21
23 percent. When you look at the data input can you
24 calculate statistical reliability or confidence level
25 in this data?

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1 DR. ABDULLE: No. Because it is one point
2 at the time, it's one shot. So that is basically
3 what the power flow model will do, giving you a
4 one-time, one-shot results. And there's no way you
5 can use that statistical analysis on one point.

6 COMMISSIONER ALLEN: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Any redirect?

8 MS. SCHMID: Just one.

9 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MS. SCHMID:

11 Q. Dr. Abdulle, what is your Doctorate degree
12 in?

13 A. Economics.

14 Q. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Thank you.

16 Thank you, Dr. Abdulle. I think we're
17 done with your testimony.

18 Dr. Collins, I think we'll put you on the
19 witness stand next; is that correct?

20 MR. PROCTOR: Do you want me to?

21 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Would you? I
22 would appreciate that.

23 We're going to ask Mr. Proctor from the
24 Committee to qualify your testimony once you get up
25 here.

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1 MR. PROCTOR: Did you want Dr. Collins to
2 remain here?

3 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: No. He's going to
4 come up here.

5 Dr. Collins, if my memory serves me
6 correctly, you've already been sworn in this docket.
7 So please have a seat.

8 RICHARD S. COLLINS,
9 called as a witness, being previously duly sworn, was
10 examined and testified as follows:

11 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Mr. Proctor.

12 MR. PROCTOR: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. PROCTOR:

15 Q. Dr. Collins, would you state your name and
16 a business address for the record, please.

17 A. Dr. Richard S. Collins. And my business
18 address is 1840 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City.

19 Q. Are you appearing here today on behalf of
20 Wasatch Wind and also the Spanish Fork Wind Park,
21 which is a Wasatch Wind project?

22 A. I am.

23 Q. Prior to today's hearing, my understanding
24 is that you have filed Direct Testimony, filed
25 January the 12th consisting of 11 pages, Rebuttal
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1 Testimony filed January the 31st consisting of five
2 pages, and finally, Surrebuttal Testimony filed
3 February the 15th consisting of 10 pages and also an
4 Exhibit 1.1. Does that accurately state the contents
5 of the testimony you prefiled?

6 A. It does.

7 Q. Do you have any corrections or amendments
8 that you wish to make to that testimony?

9 A. I do not.

10 Q. If those questions were put to you today,
11 would your answers remain the same?

12 A. Yes.

13 MR. PROCTOR: On behalf of Dr. Collins, I
14 would offer those three -- oh, pardon me. One more
15 question.

16 Q. (BY MR. PROCTOR) Dr. Collins, those items
17 of testimony were not given an exhibit number. May
18 we issue -- may we mark them as Wasatch Direct 1 --

19 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Let's do this. I
20 was going to point out to the Company in the future,
21 it's helpful if we keep the same first number for a
22 witness. It helps us keep track of it. So if we
23 would mark these Wasatch Wind 1, 1.0, Wasatch Wind
24 1.R and Wasatch Wind 1.SR is our preferred method so
25 that we can keep the testimony associated with each

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1 witness.

2 MR. PROCTOR: Thank you. And the
3 Surrebuttal exhibit would be 1.1SR; is that correct?

4 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Right, that's
5 correct.

6 MR. PROCTOR: All right. With the
7 addition of those exhibit numbers, on behalf of
8 Wasatch Wind they would be offered into evidence.

9 MR. BROCKBANK: One question, if I may.
10 Dr. Collins' testimony refers frequently to the model
11 runs run by Mr. Unger and there's pages in the
12 exhibit of Mr. Unger's testimony that the Commission
13 did not have. And I just want to make sure that to
14 the extent that we are referring in questioning Dr.
15 Collins, that we can refer to those exhibits even
16 though they haven't been entered into the record.
17 And I'm not sure about what to do about the fact that
18 the Commission doesn't have those right now. I just
19 want to make sure those are part of the record.

20 MR. PROCTOR: I don't think there's any
21 barrier to asking him questions about an exhibit that
22 you know will be introduced later. We can do it now
23 if you would like, Mr. Chairman. I can do Mr. Unger
24 as well.

25 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Well, the problem

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1 is is we do not have those exhibits, they are not
2 part of Mr. Unger's testimony. And I'm stuck with
3 trying to figure out if they are just considered as
4 responses to data requests or if they're formal
5 filings as part of the dockets if we do not have
6 them.

7 MR. BROCKBANK: From our perspective, they
8 were served on us as part of the testimony filing,
9 not as part of a data request.

10 MR. PROCTOR: Can I try to clear it up
11 through Dr. Collins?

12 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Go ahead.

13 Q. (BY MR. PROCTOR) Dr. Collins, attached to
14 testimony by Mr. Mike Unger, and my understanding is
15 that Wasatch Wind retained him to provide some
16 testimony in this matter, correct?

17 A. That is correct.

18 Q. On the testimony that was sent
19 electronically, and he has filed only Direct January
20 12th, correct?

21 A. That is correct.

22 Q. There was an exhibit that's titled
23 Exhibit 2.1 and it consists of about five to six
24 pages, as I recall. Are you familiar with that
25 particular testimony and the exhibits?

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1 A. I am. But Mr. Unger is more familiar with
2 them.

3 Q. Do you know whether it was intended that
4 the electronic filing include an exhibit of one page
5 or five?

6 A. I think our intent was to file the line
7 losses associated with the PAC East system and also
8 the attendant line losses associated with two
9 circuits that run to the west. It wasn't our intent
10 to include the line losses associated with the WECC,
11 although we will address those and answer questions
12 about those.

13 MR. BROCKBANK: I would object to that.
14 They were served on the parties as part -- in the
15 same spreadsheet as Mr. Unger's Wasatch Wind Exhibit
16 2.1. In my perspective, they are part of Exhibit
17 2.1.

18 MS. SCHMID: That is how the Division
19 received them as well, attached as part of Exhibit
20 2.1.

21 MR. COLLINS: That is our intent. And I
22 answered honestly.

23 Q. (BY MR. PROCTOR) Dr. Collins, are you
24 familiar with all the pages that were included with
25 Mr. Unger's testimony?

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1 A. I am not very aware of what was in the
2 WECC sheet.

3 Q. As you prepared your testimony, did you
4 refer to his information?

5 A. I did not.

6 MR. PROCTOR: All right. It would seem to
7 me, Mr. Chairman, that Dr. Collins' testimony can be
8 admitted. And to the extent that he didn't rely on
9 those documents or those exhibits, the question would
10 not be appropriate.

11 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: And I would agree
12 with that. Are there any objections to the admission
13 of Dr. Collins' testimony?

14 MR. BROCKBANK: No objection.

15 MS. SCHMID: No objection.

16 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: All right. It's
17 admitted.

18 Q. (BY MR. PROCTOR) Dr. Collins, do you have
19 a brief summary, or would you like, in the interests
20 of time, go directly to cross-examination?

21 A. That's up to the Commission.

22 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: I don't mind a
23 summary if you can keep it within a couple of
24 minutes.

25 MR. COLLINS: Okay. This docket will
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1 decide whether Wasatch Wind, an 18.9-megawatt wind
2 facility located at the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon
3 and within a transmission constrained area, which I
4 will call the Wasatch Front load pocket, provides to
5 PacifiCorp's eastern control area higher avoided line
6 losses than the proxy bank of Wolverine that's
7 located in Idaho.

8 Evidence presented to the Commission in
9 Docket 03-035-14 on method for calculating avoided
10 transmission losses was presented. The Commission
11 rejected the testimony for determining a method for
12 line losses because the methods were not precise
13 enough and it deferred decisions on line losses to a
14 case-by-case basis.

15 We took the Commission's Order to heart
16 and we pursued a method that would take all of the
17 variables that affect line losses into account. We
18 employed a power flow dynamic model which will look
19 at line losses at a point in time. And what we tried
20 to do was choose different points in time that would
21 be representative of line losses on the system over
22 the 20 years.

23 We had two sets of estimates of line
24 losses. The first is where we take power out of
25 Wolverine at the Goshen substation and inject it

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1 right directly in at Spanish Fork. And then we run
2 this model and compare it to the base case. These
3 results were done five different times on five
4 different categories of load conditions. Under that,
5 every single one of them showed that Wasatch Wind's
6 facility provided greater line losses -- or avoided
7 greater line losses than the Wolverine.

8 We also took a second set of estimates
9 where we tried to look at what sorts of generation
10 would be backed down when Spanish Fork came online
11 and we relied on the output of the GRID model to
12 determine what generation would be backed out.

13 Now, the Commission has already accepted
14 the GRID model as an acceptable model for determining
15 the full avoided costs for thermal resources. So we
16 thought this was going to be an appropriate method to
17 determine which generator should get backed down.

18 And what we found is that about 80 percent
19 of the time what was backed down was market
20 transactions, and these market transactions occurred
21 at Four Corners, they occurred at COBB, and they
22 occurred at MidC.

23 And so what we did was we took generation
24 that was located close to there because the operator,
25 we felt, would be buying Wasatch Wind power, or it

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1 would be having power come onto the system and he
2 would have to back down some plant. And so the
3 plant, we assumed, would be close to that market
4 transaction hub.

5 And again, we ran six different models,
6 six different runs, with and without, and we also ran
7 six different runs, the exact same runs with and
8 without Wolverine. And then we compared the line
9 losses between them to get a direct comparison, all
10 right? And in those six cases, five out of six cases
11 showed that the power losses were less with Spanish
12 Fork than with Wolverine, all right?

13 So we came to the conclusion that we are
14 benefiting the system and, therefore, should be
15 compensated for that benefit that we're providing to
16 the system.

17 Now, two other methods have been suggested
18 by the parties and one is just the distance from the
19 interconnect to the substation and the other tries to
20 measure the interconnection to the actual load. Both
21 of these methods are incomplete. Both of them
22 testified to the fact that this -- their methods are
23 incomplete.

24 To conclude, Wasatch Wind has gone to
25 great lengths and expense to try to develop and
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1 engage the best tools that were available. We really
2 would have preferred to have the Company's model and
3 we asked the Company to run those. And I guess I
4 should have issued a motion to compel. But, you
5 know, we were operating, we were trying to get along,
6 and I didn't. And in hindsight, I should have.

7 But I believe that the best way to measure
8 this would be to use the Company's model and look not
9 just at the line losses associated with the local
10 area, but look at the line losses associated with the
11 entire PacifiCorp system. And I believe we did that.
12 We didn't have the granularity at the lower levels,
13 but we did run a test case in which we -- and Mike
14 Unger can testify to this -- but he presented --
15 well, it's in my testimony so I'll talk about it.

16 But we did do some basic calculations of
17 what the line loss would be from Spanish Fork to one
18 of the furthest load distances, and that was
19 Santaquin. And we calculated, much like Dr. Abdulle
20 calculated it, and we found that it was only 1.1 or
21 1.4 percent line losses. But that is incomplete in
22 that you're only looking at line losses associated
23 with delivering that power, you're not associating
24 line losses of what got backed down. And so that
25 number would be less.

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1 A. On the engineering part, no. But in my
2 past career as a staff member of the Commission, I
3 went to dozens and dozens of transmission meetings,
4 Indigo, and there were -- on transmission pricing.
5 So I am aware of what the economic issues are
6 regarding transmission.

7 Q. Okay. I've got here something that I
8 would like to pass out. I am not going to introduce
9 this as an exhibit, it's already on the record. This
10 is a Petition For Delay -- a Petition for Delay and
11 Request for a Technical Conference and Rescheduling
12 of Proceedings. The caption has the date as July 14,
13 2006, but below it has a date of August 16, 2006. I
14 believe the correct date is August 16, 2006 that it
15 was filed, just for the record. And I'm going to
16 refer to this but, again, it doesn't need to be
17 introduced as an exhibit, if I may approach.

18 Dr. Collins, are you familiar with this
19 document?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You filed this before the Commission on
22 August 16, 2006, correct?

23 A. That is correct.

24 Q. Can you please look -- the pages are not
25 numbered, so if you'll go into the third page at the

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1 bottom on line 22, I have bracketed some language
2 beginning "We contacted local" and it ends on the
3 next page at line 5 where there's a closed bracket.

4 Would you please read that into the record?

5 A. "We contacted local consulting and
6 engineering firms about representing us in this
7 proceeding. Our contacts within these organizations
8 were initially very interested in doing the analysis.
9 They appeared to be perfect candidates as they had
10 substantial experience working with PacifiCorp's
11 transmission system, their initial analysis indicated
12 the possibility of substantial line loss savings to
13 the Company from the purchase of energy from our
14 facility."

15 Q. The portion of this that I want to focus
16 on is where you state to the Commission in this
17 pleading that "their initial analysis indicated the
18 possibility of substantial line loss savings to the
19 Company from the purchase of energy from our
20 facility."

21 Do you recall having said -- do you recall
22 writing that and submitting that and such?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you recall that Rocky Mountain Power
25 asked you in a Data Request 1.1 to provide the names

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1 of those consultants and whatever initial analyses
2 that had indicated the possibility of substantial
3 line loss savings to the Company?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And what was your answer?

6 A. I don't have it here, but I think we
7 refused to provide those names.

8 Q. I'm going to read your response.

9 "Answer: Wasatch Wind objects to this
10 request as onerous, unduly burdensome and irrelevant.
11 Wasatch Wind considers the information requested as
12 confidential and privileged. Disclosure of this
13 information is unnecessary to the resolution of the
14 case and not reasonably calculated to lead to the
15 discovery of admissible evidence."

16 And I'm going to refer again to what you
17 wrote. You wrote that you had contacted possible
18 engineering companies to represent you and "their
19 initial analysis indicated the possibility of
20 substantial line loss savings to the Company."

21 How is that not relevant?

22 A. Well, I think the results are relevant.
23 But why is it relevant? I haven't presented their
24 testimony, their evidence on the record. Why is it
25 relevant who did that?

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1 Q. You're not asking the questions. The
2 reason that it's relevant, I'll answer it anyway, is
3 because you stated it in a Commission pleading, that
4 initial analyses from consultants had showed
5 substantial line loss savings, the possibility of
6 substantial line loss savings. That's why it's
7 irrelevant.

8 Was there ever initial analyses by
9 consultants?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Who were the consultants that provided the
12 analysis?

13 A. I would rather not put that on the public
14 record. If we want to go in camera. But I was asked
15 specifically by one individual. He said, "You know,
16 I'll probably get in trouble for this, but I'll run a
17 power flow model." And he came back the next day
18 with the results and said, "You know, it looks like
19 you guys have a case." I said, "Well, great. We
20 would like to hire you."

21 "Well, let me get back. I have to talk to
22 my boss."

23 Two days later he talks to his boss and
24 says, "You know, we're not getting involved. And,
25 you know, I would rather you not tell -- you know, I

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1 don't want to get in trouble."

2 Q. I don't want you to breach confidences,
3 but I also don't want you to act fast and loose with
4 statements in Commission pleadings that there are
5 analyses that have been conducted to support your
6 position when you're not going to provide those
7 analyses.

8 MR. PROCTOR: Well, Mr. Chairman, I have
9 to object to that on the grounds that it's
10 argumentative. And in addition, one of the things
11 that probably Dr. Collins hasn't explored, because
12 he's not trained to, there's a difference between an
13 expert retained to provide assistance to the client
14 or counsel in preparing a case and one who is
15 designated to testify. And these witnesses may not
16 have been retained to testify. And so the initial
17 contact would be merely to assist Dr. Collins in
18 preparing his case.

19 His objection probably was not stated as
20 it should have been under the rules, but it may very
21 well have been an appropriate objection. I hate to
22 cut it off. I think there are far more important
23 things to deal with today.

24 MR. BROCKBANK: I'm just trying to make
25 the point that Dr. Collins says that experts have

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1 indicated that there is a substantial likelihood that
2 line loss savings with their project and he won't
3 tell us anything about it.

4 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Okay. It's not
5 sworn testimony so --

6 MR. BROCKBANK: I understand. I just want
7 to get for the record that there is basically no
8 analysis on the record, notwithstanding what his
9 pleading says.

10 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: That this analysis
11 is not on the record?

12 MR. BROCKBANK: Correct.

13 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: We understand
14 that. Please go to your next question.

15 Q. (BY MR. BROCKBANK) Dr. Collins, I would
16 like to discuss generally some of these modeling
17 issues. To the extent that I'm asking you a question
18 that is more appropriate for Mr. Unger, please let me
19 know and I'll reserve the question for Mr. Unger
20 because I wasn't quite sure where the separation was.
21 So please just let me know and I can reserve whatever
22 questions you would like for him.

23 In Docket Number 03-035-14, the Commission
24 issued an order addressing the subject of avoided
25 line loss adjustments for qualifying facilities. The
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1 order is dated April 19, 2006. I would like to just
2 read something, this is a Commission Order. I have
3 copies if anyone would like it, but it's a Commission
4 Order so it doesn't need to be introduced, I believe.

5 "We take administrative note of the more
6 recent 2001 transmission line loss study that was
7 completed using the Commission-approved method. We
8 note that high voltage transmission line loss factors
9 is nearly unchanged since the 1991 study, despite the
10 addition of the Cholla, Craig, Haden, Hermiston and
11 Gadsby Power Plants. This fact underscores Company
12 testimony in this case stating that one project is
13 not going to make a big difference in system line
14 losses. It also calls into the question the
15 propriety of the plant-by-plant methods proposed in
16 this case."

17 Do you know, Dr. Collins, how many
18 collective megawatts the Cholla, Craig, Haden,
19 Hermiston and Gadsby power plants added to the GRID?

20 A. An exact number, no.

21 Q. Would you accept, subject to check, that
22 it was approximately 2,800 megawatts?

23 A. I'll accept that.

24 Q. If the addition of these five new thermal
25 plants resulted in the high voltage transmission line

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1 energy loss factor being, quote, "nearly unchanged,"
2 end quote, do you expect that the addition of your
3 19.8 megawatt intermittent wind project will change
4 the energy loss factor in any meaningful way?

5 A. I do.

6 Q. At a minimum, wouldn't you agree that you
7 have a pretty steep burden to justify that Utah
8 ratepayers should pay for this extra line loss
9 savings that you're purporting exists?

10 A. I think that the Commission should make
11 their decision based on the preponderance of the
12 evidence on the record.

13 Q. Let's look at your Direct Testimony.

14 A. If I may just make a comment about the
15 2001 transmission line loss study. I'm not exactly
16 sure exactly how that was done, but they're
17 measuring, I would imagine, just average line losses.
18 So it doesn't surprise me that with the addition of
19 plants located all over PacifiCorp's system that
20 average line losses wouldn't change very much. I
21 mean, that's quite possible. What we analyzed is the
22 incremental line losses associated with a particular
23 plant.

24 Now, if the 2001 transmission study had
25 analyzed what the impact of Cholla -- or what were

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1 some of the others -- other plants, they would have,
2 I would imagine, have found substantially different
3 results.

4 Q. Let's look at your Direct Testimony on
5 page 8 beginning on line 6. You describe a number of
6 model runs using various WECC-based case models.

7 A. Page --

8 Q. Page 8, beginning on line 6. Do you see
9 where I'm at?

10 A. I do.

11 Q. On line 10 of your testimony you reference
12 various assumptions about loads and load resources.
13 What assumptions did you make to make these model
14 runs?

15 A. We chose different years, different load
16 conditions and different times of the year to get an
17 idea -- we're getting snapshots, points in time. We
18 tried to get a representative snapshot to give some
19 idea of what the line losses would be associated with
20 Spanish Fork comparing them to line losses associated
21 with Wolverine.

22 Q. Isn't the essence of your WECC-based power
23 flow studies that they essentially attempt to
24 calculate line losses or line savings associated with
25 the Spanish Fork Wind project for the entire 100

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1 million kilowatt system, western United States
2 system?

3 A. No, that's an incorrect statement.

4 Q. Let's look at --

5 MR. BROCKBANK: Well, Mr. Chairman, this
6 is the difficult part now. Dr. Collins' testimony is
7 referring to Mr. Unger's Exhibit 2.1 and all six
8 pages in it, and I didn't bring copies to introduce
9 this because it was served on us as part of the
10 testimony. In order for me to dig into these
11 exhibits and to what Dr. Collins has just stated,
12 that he doesn't -- that these aren't going into the
13 western United States model, it's going to make it
14 very difficult to look at this.

15 A. Well, maybe I'll revise my statement.

16 We --

17 MR. BROCKBANK: Well, excuse me. But it
18 still highlights the issue of these missing
19 documents. I would move their admission as my own
20 exhibit, I just didn't make copies and I didn't think
21 I needed to.

22 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Early on I thought
23 Dr. Collins testified that he didn't rely on these
24 WECC, the WECC system exhibits, that he focused just
25 on the PacifiCorp East system. So insofar as you

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1 have questions related to the WECC system, maybe
2 those need to be deferred to Mr. Unger. I mean,
3 that's just my recollection, is that you did not
4 rely, at least when Mr. Proctor was asking you
5 questions --

6 MR. COLLINS: Maybe I can straighten this
7 out a little bit in that the model incorporates the
8 system, all right, but we tried in some ways to
9 isolate it and look, I believe, just at the PAC East,
10 PacifiCorp East system. We did open up two circuits
11 to the west because it is interconnected, all right?
12 But it isn't -- it's going to operate as a system,
13 all right? So it's a system model, but we focused
14 our analysis on the line losses associated with PAC
15 East.

16 MR. BROCKBANK: Mr. Chairman, I understand
17 that Mr. Collins answered the question that they
18 focused on this particular exhibit. However, it
19 seems very convenient to me that in Mr. Clements'
20 testimony he addressed issues relating to these other
21 pages in the exhibit and their lack of being included
22 in the averages, he mentioned some of the averages
23 associated with those exhibits, and now Dr. Collins
24 is stating those weren't ever intended to be in the
25 analysis after all. That's my concern.

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1 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: But he also stated
2 that they intended to file these.

3 MR. BROCKBANK: He did.

4 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: My understanding
5 is that they weren't part of your analysis, but the
6 intent of your party was to file these spreadsheets,
7 at least that's what I thought you said earlier.

8 MR. COLLINS: I'm not certain we were
9 intending to file the WECC. I mean, it was included
10 with a part of the analysis looking at line losses
11 for the entire system, but at that point we didn't
12 think that it would be as accurate or as relevant.
13 We're concerned about what kind of benefits Wasatch
14 Wind's facility is going to have not on the entire
15 WECC system, but on PacifiCorp's system.

16 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Mr. Proctor?

17 MR. PROCTOR: Dr. Collins, just a second.
18 They are on the record, at least filed
19 electronically, which means they are there filed in
20 Dr. Unger, Mr. Unger's testimony. Mr. Brockbank can
21 ask questions about the exhibit and he either says "I
22 don't know" or "I'm not familiar with that." I mean,
23 he can do that. And ultimately the inconsistency
24 between his testimony and his answer here today can
25 certainly be pointed out.

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1 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Okay. We'll allow
2 you to go ahead and ask questions about their WECC
3 exhibits. I think it's clear to the Commission that
4 their focus was on the PAC East system, for the
5 reasons he stated before. So I guess you'll still
6 have to analyze how much time you want to go down
7 this path when they didn't rely on the WECC system
8 analysis.

9 MR. BROCKBANK: Sure. Understood. And I
10 will do that.

11 Q. (BY MR. BROCKBANK) Okay. Dr. Collins, in
12 your testimony along those lines, you referenced the
13 GRID model, and this is on page 9 of your Direct
14 Testimony, lines 11 and 12, you referenced the
15 California/Oregon border, the mid Columbia, Four
16 Corners, you represent some of these other delivery
17 points. Do you see where I'm referring to?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. If you were only using and referring to
20 the PAC East system, how do you use COBB, Cholla,
21 MidC, et cetera?

22 A. These are where the transactions took
23 place according to the GRID model.

24 Q. Isn't it --

25 A. And so we, if the transactions take place
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1 in these hubs, we're going to have to take into
2 account those hubs. And the whole system is
3 interconnected.

4 Q. Isn't it true, though, that COBB, Cholla
5 and MidC are not in PacifiCorp's PAC East system?

6 A. That's correct. They're interconnected
7 with our system.

8 Q. On page 8, we're on page 8 of your
9 testimony, lines 14 and 15, you state that "The
10 models provide a snapshot of the conditions on the
11 system and how changes and resources can affect the
12 system in attendant line losses." Do you see where
13 I'm referring to?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. In your testimony you acknowledge, then,
16 that these models provide a snapshot of the
17 conditions on the system, how the changes and
18 resources can affect the system and attendant line
19 losses.

20 Given that the WECC model that is attached
21 to Mr. Unger's Exhibit 2.1, given that that WECC
22 model represents simply a snapshot in time -- well,
23 let me strike that. Let me rephrase the question.

24 Isn't it true that the WECC models that
25 were employed, the results of which are in Mr.

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1 Unger's Exhibit 2.1, that those models were developed
2 in order to test the limits and the robustness of
3 electric GRID, taking into account the addition of
4 new generation resources and new loads?

5 A. The models themselves?

6 Q. The WECC models.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Given that, given that the WECC models
9 simply represent a snapshot in time, isn't it true
10 that the WECC model without significant changes and
11 assumptions is not a useful tool for predicting line
12 losses?

13 A. No, I wouldn't agree with that statement.

14 Q. Why not?

15 A. It's a useful tool because it provides us
16 some information of what the impacts are on the
17 system and provides estimates of line losses for the
18 PAC East system. Does it capture every single line?
19 No. We didn't have access to that. We don't have
20 access to that information. We had a limited amount
21 of resources, a limited amount of money, and we did
22 the best that we could with that. And we provided
23 the most detailed analysis presented on this case so
24 far, in my opinion.

25 Q. And based on that limited amount of
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1 information, do you expect the Utah ratepayers to
2 foot the bill for \$2 million of line loss reduction
3 payments?

4 A. I think that we've presented evidence that
5 we are going to provide substantial line loss
6 reductions and that the Commission is going to have
7 to make their decision based on the preponderance of
8 the evidence.

9 Q. Let's go back to some of the assumptions
10 that you made in reviewing the WECC models. Did you
11 freeze -- and if these are appropriate for Mr. Unger,
12 that's fine, just let me know. Did you freeze the
13 transformers and the capacitors and the reactors from
14 the changing taps?

15 A. You'll have to ask Mr. Unger that
16 question.

17 Q. Okay. We'll come to that one with Mr.
18 Unger.

19 Isn't it true that the model runs that
20 were conducted in Exhibit 2.1 vary from a positive
21 5.79 line loss to a negative 21.05 line loss
22 adjustment?

23 A. Could you show me that data? I'm not
24 aware of that.

25 Q. This is the Exhibit 2.1 that was filed
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1 electronically with Mr. Unger's testimony. I would
2 certainly be happy to give you Mr. Clements' copy of
3 that. And to the extent that we continue tomorrow,
4 Mr. Chairman, we will bring copies of Mr. Unger's
5 exhibit.

6 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: We will not be in
7 tomorrow so we'll have to discuss when we continue
8 this if we don't finish.

9 MR. BROCKBANK: Okay. May I approach the
10 witness?

11 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Go ahead.

12 MR. BROCKBANK: I'm sorry.

13 COMMISSIONER BOYER: Mr. Brockbank, I
14 don't know if it was clear what I just said, but we
15 do have copies now of those additional pages.

16 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Although I'm not
17 sure because people are talking about six pages and
18 we only have four. So I'm not sure if we have got
19 exactly what everyone is talking about.

20 MS. SCHMID: It may depend on, I think, if
21 it was printed landscape or portrait, perhaps.

22 MR. BROCKBANK: I think that's correct.

23 Q. (BY MR. BROCKBANK) I will look at the
24 worksheet that is labeled at the top "Loss Analysis,
25 WECC System." And at the bottom it says "Elcon
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1 Associates, Inc., 2/21/2007, 10:13 a.m." I don't
2 know if that's my print date or not. I'm thinking
3 that's the date it was printed.

4 Do you see what I'm referring to, Dr.
5 Collins?

6 A. I do see the first page, yeah.

7 Q. Okay. Let's look down one, two, three,
8 four, five, six lines down on the right-hand column,
9 the Percentage Change column. That represents the
10 WECC, Heavy Summer 2010 model run. Doesn't that say
11 negative 21.05 percent change?

12 A. It does.

13 Q. And would that represent the percent
14 change in line losses with the addition of your
15 facility?

16 A. That's what it would indicate. That looks
17 to be a outlier.

18 Q. Let's look at -- there's one that isn't.
19 Go down one, two, three more rows on that where it
20 says 5.9, positive 5.9, WECC 5.79. WECC Heavy
21 Winter, 2011, 5.79. Do you see that?

22 A. I do.

23 Q. And that would indicate that with the
24 addition of the Spanish Fork project that losses
25 would increase 5.79 percent. Is that correct?

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1 A. That is correct. But that also is a
2 partial analysis. We would have to compare that 5.79
3 percent with what the line losses associated with
4 Wolverine for the WECC Heavy Winter 2011 condition.

5 Q. Right here we see that your WECC analysis
6 swings from a negative 21 percent savings to a
7 positive 5.79 percent savings; is that correct?

8 A. That is estimating it on the entire WECC
9 system. And as you expand your analysis, I would
10 suspect that your degree of certainty declines. So
11 on the WECC basis, you know, I would be more suspect
12 of these numbers than on the PAC East system versus
13 the local system.

14 Q. Why didn't Spanish Fork Wind include these
15 21, negative 21 percent and this positive 5.79
16 percent loss percent change in your recommendation?

17 A. Because it's not relevant. And the reason
18 it's not relevant is that this Commission is not
19 basing a decision on whether they should increase or
20 decrease our contract price based on how we are going
21 to affect the entire WECC system. We're concerned
22 about Utah Power, PacifiCorp ratepayers.

23 Q. And so are we. I'm struggling with why
24 these are in your exhibit, however. I don't think
25 they're relevant either.

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1 A. Well, like I said, they were -- I didn't
2 intend to file them.

3 Q. Don't the results of this model run show
4 precisely the fact that loss results can swing widely
5 depending on what assumptions you make?

6 A. It shows that when you're estimating for
7 the WECC system, the entire system, that there can be
8 large variations. Well, I wouldn't even say that.
9 You have one outlier, that minus 21, and then you
10 have in between four and five, six percent.

11 Q. Well, let's look at that. One outlier.
12 Let's take the negative 21 percent outlier away.
13 You've got negative 4 percent, you've got positive 1,
14 I'm just reading down the right-hand column here,
15 negative 2.11, positive 5.79 down at the bottom,
16 three from the bottom, positive 4.21 percent. These
17 are still significant percentage changes, aren't
18 they?

19 A. You mean differences in the percentage
20 changes?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. You know, they vary.

23 Q. Dr. Collins, are you aware that the WECC
24 model only represents the bulk backbone transmission
25 system, generally the 138 kV and above?

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1 A. I would refer that question to Mr. Unger.

2 Q. Okay. I'll just make a note of that so I
3 don't forget to ask Mr. Unger.

4 Let's look at your Surrebuttal Testimony
5 on page 3, lines 16 through 19. Please let me know
6 when you're there and you've had a chance to review
7 that. I might be wrong on my numbers. 17 is blank.
8 Bear with me one minute. Sorry, I'm looking at the
9 Rebuttal Testimony, I apologize. The citation was
10 correct, so you all were in the right place, I just
11 wasn't.

12 So page 3, lines 16 through 19. Do you
13 see that, Dr. Collins?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. Here you state that in making the
16 comparison of the two projects you inject 19
17 megawatts of power into the Spanish Fork substation,
18 which is 1.2 miles away from the project. Do you see
19 that?

20 A. I do.

21 Q. Okay. Are you aware that in order for
22 those 19 megawatts of load to be consumed, the power
23 may have to flow upwards of 25 miles into four
24 different substations depending on what the current
25 load characteristics are?

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1 A. I'm aware that the power will flow where
2 it's going to flow and it's going to take the path of
3 least resistance.

4 Q. But my question was, are you aware that in
5 order for -- your power is not 1.2 miles away. The
6 power that is going to be consumed is possibly
7 upwards of 25 miles away, not the 1.2 miles away that
8 you state in your testimony, which is all going to be
9 subject to losses. Do you see what I'm referring to?

10 A. I see what -- yes, there is the
11 possibility that it's going to have to travel 25
12 miles, I guess. I'm taking your word for it, not
13 mine. But my question is, how often is that going to
14 happen? That's going to happen when we're producing
15 at full capacity. And we're probably -- that's not
16 going to happen with regularity.

17 Q. Let's go back to your Direct Testimony. I
18 may skip that point and do everybody a favor.

19 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Thank you.

20 Q. (BY MR. BROCKBANK) Let's go back to your
21 Direct Testimony for another point. Page 11 of your
22 Direct Testimony. On page 11, this is where you
23 begin starting at the top for several lines,
24 approximately lines 1 through 10, this is where you
25 recommend a simplified alternative in paying any

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1 qualifying facility located within the transmission
2 bubble to get a line loss credit at the FERC's open
3 access transmission tariff transmission rate; is that
4 correct

5 A. That is correct.

6 Q. Yet you criticize Mr. Clements for
7 proposing, quote, "an even more simplistic method
8 than the Division," end quote, in your Rebuttal
9 Testimony on page 3, line 21.

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. How is it, Dr. Collins, that Mr.
12 Clements', quote, "simplistic method" based on a
13 comparison with the proxy resource is not credible,
14 yet your simplified alternative is a fabulous idea
15 even though it is tied to the FERC open access tariff
16 rate that does not address the specific
17 characteristics of your project?

18 A. Well, let me first state that Mr.
19 Clements' model doesn't take into account -- it takes
20 into account just one variable. And because it only
21 takes into account one variable, I view it as
22 deficient. And given that he chose this method for
23 this particular case, and only this case, perhaps, a
24 method that there would be no possibility for a QF to
25 earn transmission line losses, I view that as

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1 suspect.

2 Q. Okay. In your proposal --

3 A. And let me -- I would like to address my
4 proposal, and the reason I suggested this.

5 Q. Well, I didn't ask you about your
6 proposal.

7 A. Yes, you did. You mentioned it.

8 Q. Let me rephrase the question then. Why is
9 your simplified proposal, and perhaps you can
10 elaborate here, merited when Mr. Clements' isn't? So
11 please.

12 A. Yes, that's what I wanted to address. My
13 simplified method is merited because it takes into
14 account not just line losses, but the benefits
15 associated with being located within the load bubble.
16 And I probably didn't -- this is a line loss study,
17 but really testimony of all the parties have
18 suggested that QFs should get compensated if they
19 provide benefits when compared to the proxy resource.

20 And there is, in my view, a fundamental
21 benefit that has been ignored in this case that might
22 be brought up in another case, the fact that we are
23 located right inside the load bubble. And we are
24 going to provide -- when we are producing power,
25 we're producing power in that bubble, it's going to

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1 free up transmission that we can import additional
2 power into the region. And so that's a real benefit
3 because we can look for cheaper power if it's
4 outside.

5 Now, so I thought I had a nice eloquent
6 way of, you know, if you're inside the bubble and the
7 proxy is not inside a constrained bubble then you get
8 line losses. And how do you get line losses? Well,
9 the easiest way to calculate it would at the FERC OAK
10 rate, all right? If you're outside the load bubble
11 you don't get line losses. And it would be a clean
12 and simple way and you guys wouldn't have to sit
13 through a case-by-case analysis for every single QF
14 that wants to increase their rate so they can get
15 their project up and running.

16 And precisely that is one of the reasons
17 that we have pursued this is that we need the extra
18 money in order to get our project up and running. We
19 expect that we will do it regardless, but this
20 certainly would help.

21 Q. And is that something that the Commission
22 should take into consideration, whether this will get
23 your project up and running?

24 A. They should take a view, in my opinion, of
25 will Wasatch Wind as a QF provide benefits to the
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1 ratepayer. Now, I would compare it not to the proxy
2 if I was making the decisions, I would be comparing
3 it to what the alternative is. And so if there's
4 another resource out there, a wind resource that is
5 going to come on line higher and then I deny Wasatch
6 Wind, I would figure I made a bad decision.

7 Q. That's not what's at issue here today, is
8 it?

9 A. No. But that was the question you asked
10 me.

11 Q. Your proposal includes the power flow
12 studies that compare power flow to other of your
13 projects to some other thermal resources, and I think
14 those other thermal resources are the Shasta Plant in
15 California, the Cholla Plant in Arizona, and the
16 Rocky Reach Plant in Washington State; is that
17 correct?

18 A. That is correct.

19 Q. You state that those projects, those
20 plants are representative of other units or market
21 purchases that are avoided by using the GRID model;
22 is that correct?

23 A. We use the GRID model to locate what the
24 GRID model said was going to get backed down when
25 Wasatch Wind was producing power.

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1 Q. Would you be willing to accept a price for
2 the power under your Power Purchase Agreement that is
3 calculated using the GRID model?

4 A. No, I would not.

5 Q. If that's the case, shouldn't your price
6 be based on GRID if you're basing your losses on
7 GRID?

8 A. No. No. We use a proxy method. That's
9 -- that is what the Commission has adopted, a proxy
10 method for wind. I am using a proxy method to
11 determine and compare the characteristics of our
12 facility with the characteristics of Wolverine.

13 Q. Isn't it true that you're using a proxy
14 method as ordered by the Commission to receive the
15 power purchased, but you're seeking to use the GRID
16 model to get your line losses payment a little
17 higher, aren't you?

18 A. I used the GRID model for one purpose
19 only. I use that to identify what trans -- what
20 generation I need to back down. In order to run
21 these power flow models, you know, if you're
22 injecting power in at Spanish Fork, you've got to
23 back it off somewhere because otherwise the system
24 won't balance.

25 So I am using the GRID model to identify

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1 what are the economic generators that get backed
2 down, all right? And I do that for Spanish Fork and
3 I do that for Wolverine and then I compare the two
4 differences. So I am not using the GRID model to
5 determine the line losses. I'm just using it as one
6 component to identify the necessary generation that
7 needs to be backed down.

8 Q. Okay. I want to go back to Exhibit 2.1
9 that --

10 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Can you give me an
11 approximate time so I can make a judgment whether we
12 continue tonight or whether we should just schedule
13 another time to finish this up?

14 MR. BROCKBANK: I've got some questions --
15 can I consult with my two witnesses off the record?

16 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Let's go off the
17 record.

18 (Recess taken.)

19 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: Let's go back on
20 the record. What does it look like?

21 MR. BROCKBANK: We're hoping to have
22 another couple of hours.

23 COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL: We will adjourn
24 and we will ask you to meet with Julie Orchard and
25 schedule another hearing time. Thank you.

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1 (The taking of the deposition was
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