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2	PROCEEDINGS
3	MR. LEVAR: Good morning. This is the Utah
4	Utility Facility Review Board, and we are here in Docket
5	16-035-09, Rocky Mountain Power versus Wasatch County.
6	This is the evidentiary hearing in this matter. So why
7	don't we start with appearances. Start with petitioner.
8	MR. MOSCON: Matt Moscon, Heidi Gorman, and
9	Rich Hall for Rocky Mountain Power.
10	MR. LEVAR: Thank you. Wasatch County.
11	MR. BERG: Tyler Berg, Wasatch County.
12	MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. As a
13	preliminary matter, we had filed late last week a motion
14	for stay. It seems to make sense to address that in one
15	way or the other before we move on with the evidentiary
16	hearing. Take a few moments. I see that Mr. Reutzel is
17	here in the audience.
18	I think it probably makes sense from an
19	economy standpoint just to have to ask Mr. Reutzel to
20	take five minutes or so to hit a couple, a few high
21	points from his motion to stay. We'll ask Mr. Moscon to
22	do the same, and Mr. Berg, if you want to weigh in on
23	it.
24	And then we will move to questions from the
25	board. I'll ask the board members if they want to do

Page 5 questions after each one, or if you want to just let all 1 2 three of them go and then move on to any questions we 3 Why don't we invite Mr. Reutzel to come up to the have. lectern if you want to take a few moments on the motion. 4 5 MR. REUTZEL: Thank you. We filed our motion for stay. We are asking the board to stay this 6 proceeding until the appellate court has a chance to 8 review whether or not we are entitled to intervene. have argued extensively over, you know, whether or not 9 10 we are entitled to intervene. I understand that the board has decided that 11 12 there is no legal right to do that. You know, respectfully, we disagree. We think the case law and 13 14 the statutes are very clear that we are entitled to 15 intervene. We think we have a legal interest in terms of the property values and in terms of safety related to 16 17 our property. Now, we are not asking the board to decide 18 those issues. I think I have made that clear several 19 20 times. That's not what we are asking the board to do. 21 But we do believe that the case law is very clear. 22 Sevier County case made it very clear. We have a legal

right to intervene in connection with cases filed by

The board has ruled that because there is a

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Page 6 county government for the property owners affected, that 1 2 there is not a right to intervene in this case. Of 3 course, that provision of the statute doesn't apply to this case. This case was not filed by the county. 4 5 that mandatory right to intervene is entirely inapplicable. 6 UAPA provides an intervention right, 8 conditional intervention right. There's nothing that the legislature has said to void that intervention right 9 10 or to say that that doesn't apply to these proceedings. And we believe that to be the case here. 11 12 We think that it will cause irreparable harm if this board decides -- makes a decision and then it is 13 14 determined that we were entitled to participate. And 15 not just participate in these proceedings, but really to conduct discovery and to locate the evidence that we 16 17 believe would demonstrate that there's not a necessity for the Wasatch segment. 18 I could hit any additional points. It's all 19 20 in my brief. I am certain the board is aware of it, and I don't want to waste your time reiterating the same 21 22 points that we have made, but I would be happy to answer 23 any questions.

members, do any of you have questions you want to ask

MR. LEVAR:

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Sure. Let me ask the board

Page 7 1 Mr. Reutzel before we move on to Mr. Moscon? 2 MR. CLARK: I have one. Mr. Reutzel, how do 3 you reconcile your motion for stay with the statutory time constraints that the board has to reach its 4 decision in this matter? 5 MR. REUTZEL: Well, it -- there -- there 6 appears to be a conflict in the statute cite. 8 recognize that. It says the board has to do this within 9 a certain amount of time. But that, the statute also 10 gives the board the right to stay this proceeding. And I think this is a -- this is a unique situation. 11 12 I think that because the board has the right 13 to stay these proceedings, that there's nothing in the 14 statute that says they can't, I think that the board 15 ought to do that. And while the proceedings are stayed, that time period ought not be running. That's the way 16 we would view it, and that's the way we would ask the 17 appellate court to view it as well. 18 19 MR. CLARK: Thank you. 20 MR. LEVAR: Any other questions from any board 21 I just have one follow up to Mr. Clark's members? 22 questions then. Do you view a distinction between the 23 legal authority this board may or may not have to stay these proceedings and to disregard the statutory time 24 25 frames versus its authority to stay the effectiveness of

Page 8 any order that's issued within those time frames? 1 2 MR. REUTZEL: I don't view a distinction. think that if this board decides to stay these 3 proceedings as a result of the appeal that's been filed, 4 5 I think that the clear reading of the statute would require that those time frames are also stayed. 6 would be able to subtract that time out. 8 Now, that would make a hearing have to happen pretty quickly, shortly after that stay is lifted, but I 9 10 think it's appropriate, and I think the statute allows for a stay before an order is issued. I also believe 11 12 that the board has authority to stay a final order if it does issue a final order. And you know, we would likely 13 14 file a motion for that as well. 15 MR. LEVAR: Okay. So to clarify your motion, your motion right now is to stay the entire proceedings, 16 17 not with respect to the effectiveness of any order? MR. REUTZEL: That -- well, with respect --18 19 yes, to stay the entire proceeding. 20 MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Moscon. 21 MR. MOSCON: Thank you. I'll begin where the 22 board was asking questions because one of the points 23 that you have seen raised in our papers is actually questioning whether this board has the discretion to 24 grant the relief requested by Black Rock. 25

1	Page 9 And that is because, unlike a typical
2	administrative law judge or district courts and I'll
3	note that the cases cited by Black Rock dealt with
4	courts staying proceedings this board is operating
5	under a strict statutory mandate of time frames in which
6	it needs to do certain things. It does not appear to be
7	a discretionary rule that says: Use your best efforts
8	to do this. It says: This is the time frame in which
9	these things must happen.
10	The chair raised an interesting point, which
11	is, is there a distinction between staying a final
12	action versus staying the proceeding where we are now?
13	And of course, we believe that there is a distinction.
14	We concede that the statute indicates that once a
15	decision is reached, if the parties can meet the
16	threshold, that decision can be stayed.
17	And that makes sense because the appellate
18	courts don't want to see piecemeal appeals. They don't
19	want to have this go up in the middle of the proceeding
20	and then find out in your ruling on the merits it would
21	have obviated the need or done something differently.
22	So that's not only called out in the board's
23	enabling act, but it's also in UAPA where under Section
24	401, it says you can get judicial review of a final
25	agency action. And then the stay, the procedure was

Page 10 quoted is in 405 right beneath that. 1 2 So I think that not only does this board enabling act contemplate that there only be a stay after 3 a final action, UAPA contemplates that, and case law 4 5 contemplates that, rather than a piecemeal approach. on the one hand, we don't know that the board actually 6 has the discretion to grant the relief sought. 8 Moving beyond that, there is something I would just like to point out in passing. This is why I think 9 10 kind of we're two ships passing. When I say we, my client, the company, and Black Rock. In their papers on 11 12 why a stay will not cause substantial harm to interested parties, Black Rock argues, "The transmission line has 13 14 been located on Promontory's property for a hundred 15 years, so delaying a decision potentially allowing the line to be relocated does not impose any additional 16 17 burden on Promontory." The reason this is significant is because it 18 shows there's a disconnect about who the aggrieved party 19 20 is. The issue is not whether or not Promontory is going to be aggrieved. The question is whether Rocky Mountain 21 22 Power and its customers are going to be harmed if this 23 matter is stayed. 24 On that point we have unrefuted testimony by Mr. Shortt that the board will be -- if it does not 25

Page 11 stay, it will be hearing more detail later today. And I 1 2 will highlight that one of the exhibits to the direct testimony of Don Watts, it's the very last page of 3 Exhibit 14, was in fact a letter from Heber Light and 4 5 Power from last summer that says, and I quote. "Heber Light and Power is, however, concerned 6 that the public and community leaders do not fully 8 appreciate that the connections at Silver Creek substation is critical to Heber Light and Power 9 10 Company's operation and will directly benefit the company's customers." 11 12 It concludes, "We are deeply worried that the failure of this project will severely impair our ability 13 14 to provide safe, reliable, and uninterrupted electric 15 service to our customers. For our system to continue to function effectively, this overhead transmission line 16 17 needs to be completed within the next two years." And again, that is dated a year ago. We're 18 19 now one year out. The stay requested is an indefinite 20 stay, just saying stay the entirety proceedings. Let's go up, see what the Court of Appeals does. And we all 21 22 know that appeals can last a very long time, the point 23 being, the customers of Rocky Mountain Power need this transmission line and they need it now. 24 25 The last thing that I would like to point out

Page 12 is, because the cases cited all kind of stem from an 1 2 assumption that an appellate court is reviewing the stay request, one of the initial determinations is, there 3 must be a finding that the applicant is likely to 4 succeed on the merits. 5 If an appellate corporate is reviewing that 6 motion, they may at first blush say, "We haven't seen 8 the record, but looking at it just on first order, yeah, we think that this is going to -- you know, this is 9 10 going to lose." For this board to do it at this proceeding, 11 12 this board would have to say, "Yeah, this is our order and we stand by it, but at the same time we think we're 13 likely to lose," which is nonsensical. And the reason I 14 15 bring it up is not to be trite, but it shows that procedurally this is not the time for this to happen. 16 17 The way this should happen is after the board is complete with its decision and it -- the matter goes 18 to the appellate court, then a motion can be made to an 19 20 appellate court who then can have that review, follow the steps that have been outlined under the statute and 21 22 the authorities that have been cited by the parties. 23 suggest otherwise is nonsensical. 24 So between the statutory time frame, the fact that none of the UAPA or board act contemplate an 25

interlocutory appeal, the fact that there is definitely 1 2 going to be substantial harm to the customer and its --3 excuse me, to the company and its customers if there is an indefinite delay to the proceedings, these all weigh 4 5 heavily against a stay and in favor of moving forward with this proceeding. 6 I know I have spoken quickly, and I have not 8 touched some of our arguments, but if the board has 9 questions, I am happy to address them. 10 MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. Any board 11 members have questions for Mr. Moscon? 12 MR. WHITE: I just have one. Help me understand. If we were to entertain this motion to 13 14 stay, what is the current construction schedule with 15 respect to this site of the project? MR. MOSCON: I don't know that I can 16 17 completely answer that because it is true, this is a moving project where, for instance, right now in Summit 18 County there's two boards there. Half of them have --19 20 one of them has granted the permit. The other half, that's going on. 21 22 So I don't know that I can completely answer 23 that question, other than to tell you that the company is moving with all diligence to gather all the pieces to 24 25 start because they know that this is a project that

- 1 needs to move forward.
- MR. LEVAR: Thank you. Any further board
- 3 questions? Thank you, Mr. Moscon. Mr. Berg, do you
- 4 want to weigh in on this issue?
- 5 MR. BERG: There's nothing Wasatch County has
- 6 to offer whether a stay should be granted or not, just
- 7 leave it to the discretion of the board.
- 8 MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. We'll go to
- 9 board discussion to the motion to stay. Mr. White?
- 10 MR. WHITE: Yeah. I guess my -- you know, my
- 11 initial concern obviously is just the fact that we have
- 12 got a statutory deadline that we are up against, and I
- 13 recognize that you are saying that we do have
- 14 discretion. But I am not sure if I am willing to
- 15 entertain, you know, stepping outside the bounds of
- 16 statutory mandate for a deadline.
- I guess that's my initial thought is that I
- 18 can't reconcile the two, I guess, initially. That's my
- 19 initial thought, I guess. That's my main hurdle.
- 20 MR. LEVAR: I'll just add, I agree with
- 21 Mr. White. In my view legally we don't have discretion
- 22 to stay the deadlines that are in the statute. That's
- 23 my personal view. If we got to a point where there was
- 24 a stay motion on a final order of this board, we would
- 25 still find ourselves in the unusual position that

Mr. Moscon just described of having to determine whether 1 2 we are so -- have such a lack of confidence in our own 3 decision to find that it's substantially likely to be 4 upheld. 5 But I don't think we're to that issue yet. I, 6 personally don't read the statute as giving us any discretion on those deadlines. So that's my personal 8 feeling. Is there any further board discussion or 9 motions? 10 MR. WILSON: Mr. Chair, I would just indicate too, I think it would be inconsistent with our past 11 12 decision that we just made. I think the decision not to grant intervention and reconsider intervention was 13 14 correct, and I think if we granted a stay, we would 15 not -- we would be inconsistent in that decision. For 16 that reason, I move not to grant the stay. 17 Okay. We have a motion to deny MR. LEVAR: the motion for stay. Any second to the motion or 18 discussion to the motion? 19 20 MS. HOLBROOK: I second. 21 MR. LEVAR: Okay. We have a motion and 2.2 Any further discussion? We have been voting alphabetically, so I suppose we can continue doing that. 23 Mr. Clark? 24 25 MR. CLARK: Yeah. I vote to deny the

1	Page 16 requested stay.
2	MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. Ms. Holbrook.
3	MS. HOLBROOK: Yes.
4	MR. LEVAR: And I vote yes. Mr. White?
5	MR. WHITE: Yes.
6	MR. LEVAR: Mr. Wilson?
7	MR. WILSON: Yes.
8	MR. LEVAR: Okay. The stay motion is denied.
9	We will move into the evidentiary hearing, and I think,
10	since we had both testimony and legal briefing, it seems
11	to make sense to go through the witnesses first and have
12	a you know, oral argument and questions from the
13	board on the legal briefing. So why don't we start with
14	witnesses with the petitioner.
15	MR. MOSCON: Okay. Would the board appreciate
16	or not want any brief introductory remarks; an opening,
17	so to speak, or would you prefer we just move straight
18	into calling witnesses?
19	MR. LEVAR: Well, if we are going to have oral
20	argument after the witnesses, it may not be necessary.
21	But if you would like to frame some issues, if either of
22	you would like to take a few minutes for framing issues,
23	I don't have any objection to that.
24	MR. BERG: Wasatch County would be fine with
25	just going into the evidentiary portion of it at this

Page 17 1 I feel that that would give us more of an point. 2 opportunity, once we have heard the testimony, to better 3 present our oral arguments on it so... 4 MR. LEVAR: Okay. Would that work to hold any 5 opening statements? 6 MR. MOSCON: Sure. If it's all right, I'd like to pass out one thing because I was going to 8 introduce one group exhibit that I was going to invite 9 the board to have on hand when they hear some of the 10 live testimony. If I might approach, I'll indicate that prior 11 12 to the beginning of this proceeding, I conferred with counsel for the county. And we agreed to mark what I am 13 14 about to hand out as Rocky Mountain Power supplemental 15 Exhibit 1, and I'll explain. The pictures that are in different places, but rather than flipping through 20 16 17 binders, if I might approach. (Discussion off the record.) 18 19 MR. LEVAR: Sure. It a set of three. 20 MR. MOSCON: Yeah. So those are all 21 duplicates that you can pass down. 22 (Off the record.) 23 MR. MOSCON: Mr. Berg has received a copy as Just to introduce what this is, so that if it's 24 well. 25 referred to at any time, the first set of photographs

which, by the way, the board may have seen previously in 1 2 the reply memorandum that the company filed in 3 opposition to a stay, these photographs -- and I'll just use the top one -- are computer -- well, they are actual 4 5 photographs. But then they have an insert that shows the proximity of lines to a structure. 6 And these are all located in Wasatch County 8 showing the different, previously approved structures and their location or proximity to lines. 9 The very last 10 two pages, these are pictures of what are referred to in the direct testimony of Mr. Watts as the Mayflower 11 12 vantage point. And even though there is two pictures, if you look at the very last page, it's actually a 13 subset of the first page, and it's a depiction of towers 14 15 as they are viewed in context to ridge lines from official county vantage points. 16 17 The reason I had passed these out now is, one of the things that the board is going to be asked to 18 consider is whether, you know, the county has the 19 20 ability to protect its ridge lines or safety. And one of the arguments that, of course, that the board 21 22 realizes that we have made is, this argument is pretextual in a sense, meaning I don't think it's 23 disingenuous. I believe they really don't want the 24 25 line.

Page 19 But what I mean is, in other instances, and 1 2 not just one instance, but repeatedly the county has 3 permitted structures very near to or, excuse me, transmission lines near to other structures and has 4 5 permitted lines that breach ridge line views without the parade of horribles. 6 When Mr. Watts takes the stand, one of the 8 things that he will do is to walk the board through the rendering of the current project, and it's -- because 9 10 it's not built, all we have is a computer rendering, and I thought it might be useful for the board to actually 11 12 have, for instance, the very last page where you could compare what has actually happened in reality to what is 13 14 proposed today. 15 So I appreciate you indulging me just for that I thought having that picture handy may be 16 17 useful for that, so without that, unless there's any other questions, Rocky Mountain Power would call as its 18 first witness Mr. Kenneth Shortt. 19 20 MR. LEVAR: Yeah, take a seat here. Mr. Shortt, do you swear to tell the truth? 21 22 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do. 23 KENNETH SHORTT, 24 called as a witness at the instance of the petitioner, 25 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified

- 1 as follows:
- 2 MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Moscon.
- 3 MR. MOSCON: By the way, if the board will
- 4 allow, Mr. Shortt actually stepped off an airplane and
- flew in for today's proceeding, so we're going to find
- 6 these things for him.
- 7 MR. LEVAR: If you would make sure your
- 8 microphone is on, the green light is on. Okay. Thank
- 9 you.
- 10 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 11 BY MR. MOSCON:
- 12 Q. Good morning, Mr. Shortt. Would you please
- 13 state your name and give the spelling of your last name
- 14 for the record.
- 15 A. Kenneth Shortt, S-H-O-R-T-T.
- 16 Q. Thank you. Mr. Shortt, would you please
- 17 provide a very brief summary background of your position
- 18 with the company and the job that you do.
- 19 A. I am the director of field engineering and
- 20 area planning for Rocky Mountain Power.
- 21 Q. Thank you, Mr. Shortt. Did you cause to be
- 22 filed in this matter prefiled testimony?
- 23 A. Yes. I had some direct prefiled testimony.
- Q. Are you aware of any corrections that would
- 25 need to be made to that testimony as you sit here today?

Page 21 1 Α. Yes. There is one correction. 2 0. Would you please identify for the county and for the board what that correction would be? 3 On page -- (mumbling.) On page 9, line 4 Α. Yes. 5 8, I stated, "A single circuit line between Jordanelle and the new Heber Light and Power substation." That is 6 actually going to be a double circuit line between those 8 two substations. 9 Is that the only correction that you would 0. 10 have to your testimony? Yes, it is. 11 Α. 12 So other than that exception, if I were to ask Q. you all of the questions that are set out in your 13 prefiled testimony, would your answers today be the same 14 15 as they are listed or set forth in your testimony? 16 Yes, they would. 17 MR. MOSCON: With that the company would move for the admission of the prefiled testimony of Mr. 18 Shortt, together with any exhibits attached thereto. 19 20 MR. LEVAR: Any objection to that motion? 21 No objection. MR. BERG: 22 Okay. It will be so entered. MR. LEVAR: (By Mr. Moscon) Mr. Shortt, have you been 23 Q. 24 able to prepare a summary of your testimony for the 25 board?

Page 22 Yes, I have. 1 Α. 2 0. Would you please share that. 3 Α. The purpose of my testimony has been to Yes. explain the purpose and need for the transmission line 4 and associated substation work between the railroad 5 substation near Evanston, Wyoming, and the Silver Creek 6 substation near Park City, Utah. 8 Neither the county nor the public have contended the project is not required. In fact, they 9 10 have acknowledged the need for the project to be completed. However, Rocky Mountain Power takes its 11 12 obligation to provide safe, reliable, adequate and efficient service to its customers seriously. I would 13 14 like to summarize how this project supports safe, 15 reliable, adequate, and efficient service to the customers in the load area. 16 17 The company's construction and design standards adhere to the National Electric Safety Code, a 18 code adopted by the State of Utah and 48 other states. 19 20 This code is explicitly written to regulate electrical 21 supply and communication lines and associated equipment. 22 It sets the standards that will safeguard the public and 23 the employees. 24 Reliable. As shown in my direct testimony, 25 the reliability of the transmission system serving the

Page 23 load area continues to decline every year. 1 The system 2 was operated seven days on a radial configuration in the 2007, 2008 winter. In 2015, 2016 winter, the system was 3 operated in a radial configuration 98 days or 20 percent 4 5 of the year. I would remind the board that when we operate in a radial configuration, if we lose that line, 6 we do not have a backup supply to serve those customers 8 being served by that line. In February 2016 the company needed to perform 9 10 or remove the Cottonwood Silver Creek 138 KB line from service to replace a failing insulator, resulting in a 11 12 90 minute outage to over 8,000 customers. This was a planned outage. The company had time to switch to other 13 14 substation -- the company had -- excuse me. The company 15 had time to switch other substations to alternate 16 sources. Had this not been identified, and the 17 insulator had failed without warning, customers served 18 by the Silver Creek; Kamas, Oakley, Park City -- thank 19 20 you -- and Jordanelle substations would also have been without power, impacting an additional 17,000 customers. 21 22 Had this occurred during any of the major events hosted 23 in the load area during the winter, such as Sundance Film Festival, the negative Utah exposure would have 24 25 been significant.

Page 24 Additionally, the company operates and builds 1 its bulk electric transmission line, which this line 2 will be classified as a bulk electric transmission line, 3 to meet the North American Electric Reliability 4 5 Corporation standards. The North American Electric Reliability Corporation, or NERC, is a not-for-profit 6 international regulatory authority whose mission is to 8 assure reliability of the bulk power system in North 9 America. 10 NERC develops and enforces reliability 11 standards, annually assesses seasonal and long-term 12 reliability, monitors the bulk power system through system awareness, and educates, trains and certifies 13 14 industrial personnel. 15 Adequate. The load area's experiencing approximately a 3.4 percent load growth. It is 16 imperative the project, in conjunction with the other 17 two projects identified on my direct testimony, be 18 completed to accommodate the growth anticipated in the 19 20 load area. 21 The proposed project is to support Efficient. 22 all customers in the load area, including customers in 23 all of Wasatch and Summit counties and be parts of Utah, Salt Lake and Morgan counties. This is not a project to 24 favor one landowner over another landowner or to serve 25

1 just customers in Summit County. The company has worked 2 with all landowners along the transmission line route, 3 and where possible, have adjusted pole placements to 4 accommodate specific landowner requests without 5 increasing the cost to the rate payer. The company has an obligation to serve its 6 customers with safe, reliable, adequate and efficient 8 energy, and must meet the increasing energy demands of 9 its customers. Failure to construct the project will 10 expose the company's customers to unacceptable reliability risks during significant portions of the 11 year and eventually result in the customers -- in the 12 company's ability to serve our customer's growing 13 14 electrical demand. 15 MR. MOSCON: Thank you, Mr. Shortt. Mr. Shortt is available for cross-examination. 16 17 MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Berg. MR. BERG: Yes. May I approach the witness? 18 19 MR. LEVAR: Yes. 20 CROSS-EXAMINATION 21 BY MR. BERG: 22 Handing you two exhibits, these are not from 23 your prefiled testimony but are from Chad Ambrose's prefiled testimony relating to the Wasatch segment. 24 25 you familiar with these at all?

- 1 A. I am.
- 2 Q. Okay. Now, before we talk about those two
- 3 exhibits, I'd like to reference your prefiled testimony.
- 4 On page 8, starting on Line 19, you were asked the
- 5 question, "Pursuant to Mr. Chad Ambrose's testimony,
- 6 Promontory Investments requested the existing line be
- 7 routed -- " sorry. "The existing line route be
- 8 relocated from its existing location to the southeast
- 9 corner of its property. Did the company determine this
- 10 relocation request was technically feasible?"
- 11 Your answer was yes, and then you just state
- 12 through there that you have gone through, and you have
- 13 met the National Electrical Code safety requirements.
- 14 For the board's reference, I have handed
- 15 Mr. Shortt what has previously been filed under Mr. Chad
- 16 Ambrose's prefiled testimony, Exhibit 2 and also Exhibit
- 17 A. Both of these were also filed with Wasatch County's
- 18 memorandum in opposition as Exhibit B. The first one is
- 19 a map showing the location of the project. The second
- 20 one is kind of a listing. It's entitled Promontory
- 21 Development Southwest Wyoming Silver Creek Transmission
- 22 Project.
- Now, Mr. Shortt, you are referring -- if you
- look at this map. You are referring to the line that's
- 25 technically feasible is the route in red; is that

- 1 correct?
- 2 A. That is correct.
- 3 Q. And based on your expertise, if the line
- 4 were -- the upgraded line were to run on the currently
- 5 existing route, the 46 KV line marked in blue, would
- 6 that also be technically feasible?
- 7 A. Yes. The blue line would also be technically
- 8 feasible.
- 9 Q. Okay. Now, if you will turn to the next
- 10 document I handed you marked CBA Exhibit 3. If you look
- 11 at Route A, that is the existing right of way, which
- 12 would be the blue line on the map. What's the pole
- 13 count for the blue line?
- 14 A. Twenty structures.
- 15 Q. And then the red line on the map would be C2
- 16 for the route. What is the pole count for that line?
- 17 A. Thirty-five structures.
- 18 Q. As we're before the board today, we're looking
- 19 at the requirements of code 54-14-303 Subsection D which
- 20 states, "A local government has prohibited construction
- 21 of a facility which is needed to provide safe, reliable,
- 22 adequate and efficient service to the customers of the
- 23 public utility."
- 24 If you are looking at these two possible
- 25 routes, one has 20 poles, one has 15 poles, from purely

- 1 simply nothing but a safety standpoint, would a
- 2 configuration that had 20 poles be safer than a
- 3 configuration that had 35 poles?
- 4 A. Statistically speaking in this case, no.
- 5 Q. Okay. If we are looking solely at a
- 6 reliability, would a route that had 20 poles be more
- 7 reliable than a route that had 35 poles?
- 8 A. I think I know where you are going. I can
- 9 answer this in more of an editorial than a yes, no, if
- 10 that's okay with you.
- 11 Q. Well, I just have a couple yes, nos, and then
- 12 you can absolutely -- we want all your opinion on it
- 13 because you are the expert on it.
- 14 A. Statistically, a 20 pole structure should be
- 15 more reliable than a 35 --
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. -- pole structure. I shouldn't say
- 18 statistically. I should say actually. Actually, if you
- 19 look at just inches versus inches, yes, it would be more
- 20 reliable. Should be more reliable.
- 21 Q. And why should a 20 pole configuration be more
- 22 reliable than a 35 pole?
- 23 A. There is less facilities to be impacted by
- 24 some sort of a disturbance.
- Q. Okay. Now, if we look at the next requirement

- 1 of the statute, adequate. Is there a difference between
- 2 a 20 pole structure and a 35 pole structure if you are
- 3 just looking at if it's adequate?
- 4 A. From adequacy, no.
- 5 Q. Okay. What about from efficient? Is there a
- 6 difference between a 20 pole structure and a 35 pole
- 7 structure if you are look to see if something's
- 8 efficient?
- 9 A. Efficiency, from a technical perspective, they
- 10 are the same.
- 11 Q. Okay. And then if we could turn once again to
- 12 your prefiled testimony, we are looking at page 10, Line
- 13 13. The question is, "Can the full project benefit be
- 14 realized without a conditional use permit to install the
- 15 .26 mile line segment in Wasatch County?"
- 16 Your answer is, "No. The benefit of the
- 17 project cannot be realized without completing all parts
- 18 of the project. The transmission system supporting the
- 19 load area will continue to be operated in a radial
- 20 configuration during peak load periods until the project
- 21 is placed in service."
- Now, here you are asked specifically about the
- 23 Wasatch segment, which on the map is the segment located
- 24 in -- or identified in red. Could the full benefit of
- 25 the project be realized if the line were to be built in

- 1 the section indicated in blue?
- A. Yes. The same benefit could be realized.
- 3 Technically both proposals are acceptable.
- 4 MR. BERG: Okay. No further cross-examination
- 5 at this time.
- 6 MR. LEVAR: Thank you. Mr. Moscon, any
- 7 redirect?
- 8 MR. MOSCON: Yeah.
- 9 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. MOSCON:
- 11 Q. First, Mr. Shortt, when you were being asked a
- 12 question, you said, "Hey, I have an editorial and could
- 13 I share that?" And then you were asked, appropriately,
- 14 to first focus on the yes or nos. Could you share with
- 15 the board the point that you wanted to make about the
- 16 line of questioning that you just received?
- 17 A. Yes. Realistically, if we were going to make
- 18 the very most reliable line, I would take a point in
- 19 Evanston, Wyoming. I would find my Silver Creek
- 20 substation in Wyoming. I would build a straight line.
- 21 I would not put any angles in it. I would go from Point
- 22 A to Point B, and that is my shortest distance.
- 23 From reliability perspective, that's less
- 24 equipment in the air. Rocky Mountain Power, and I think
- 25 most people realize that that is not always feasible.

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 And so as we build transmission lines, we attempt to use
- 2 existing line corridors. We attempt to work with
- 3 landowners and to stay somewhere in the range of keeping
- 4 a -- still a relatively short distance. But we do have
- 5 to add length to lines.
- 6 So from a statistical perspective, adding a
- 7 mile of line or about 15 structures doesn't truly
- 8 impact. Now, if we are adding 30, 40, 50 miles of line
- 9 to an existing proposed 67 mile line, yes, that would
- 10 probably raise some concern from how much more equipment
- 11 we are being required to put into the ground to get from
- 12 Point A to Point B.
- In this case the one mile statistically is
- 14 insignificant. From a reliability standpoint, they are
- 15 the same. From an adequate standpoint, they are same,
- 16 from an efficiency standpoint, and they are essentially
- 17 the same from a safety standpoint.
- 18 MR. MOSCON: Thank you. No additional
- 19 questions.
- MR. LEVAR: Thank you. Any recross?
- 21 MR. BERG: Could I get those maps back? No
- 22 additional recross.
- MR. LEVAR: Thank you. Any questions from the
- 24 board members for Mr. Shortt?
- MR. WILSON: Mr. Shortt, you indicate -- I got

Page 32 1 the wrong one there. Thank you. Efficiency, I see that 2 the property owner is required to pay the difference in 3 the additional length? THE WITNESS: That is correct. 4 5 MR. WILSON: The maintenance, energy loss, the property owner won't pay that, will he? Won't that fall 6 to the customers? 8 THE WITNESS: The energy loss for the 9 additional mile is borne by the customers. 10 MR. WILSON: How much is that energy loss, and 11 is there energy loss in the length and in the way it 12 jogs too? Or is that --THE WITNESS: The direction does not add 13 14 anything. I can't give you a specific number for the 15 energy loss. The direction the line turns and goes and adds, no, that doesn't change anything if it was a 16 17 straight line, if it turned 45 degrees every other structure. The energy loss is in the additional 18 19 conductor length. 20 It's minimal. I can tell you that. 21 tell you that we have never, particularly on a 22 distribution perspective, we have never been able to 23 justify a projection, even though we look at it, to do a project based on saving energy losses. They are -- for 24 25 an extra mile in line, it's going to be negligible and

Page 33 1 maybe a hair above negligible. 2 MR. LEVAR: Anything else? No. Any other 3 board questions? MR. CLARK: Just a couple of follow-up 4 5 questions. When you used the word "efficiency," what, what is your definition in a general sense? 6 THE WITNESS: My definition of efficiency in a 8 general sense is, from a technical perspective is, we are not doing anything too extraordinary, like 9 10 additionally miles and miles and miles of length that 11 the rate payers -- on the rate payers' back. 12 So we look for efficient design. We actually look for, how can we best serve the customer while 13 keeping the cost as low as possible and still achieve 14 15 our goal of giving that customer the reliable and safe power that they need. 16 17 MR. CLARK: Thank you. MR. LEVAR: Do you have anything else? 18 19 MR. CLARK: No follow-up, no. 20 MR. LEVAR: Any other board questions? 21 MS. HOLBROOK: I have a question. I am just 2.2 curious about Heber Power and Light and how they can 23 kind of play into that. Are they -- are you delivering 24 power directly to them as well through this line? 25 THE WITNESS: Yes. Heber Light and Power is

Page 34 currently served from our Midway substation. 1 This line, 2 as well as the other two lines or the other project we identified, the Midway to Jordanelle project, will serve 3 that and actually provide a redundant source, a second 4 5 source to Heber Light and Power. 6 MS. HOLBROOK: Thank you. MR. LEVAR: Any further board questions? 8 have one, Mr. Shortt. And you may not be the one to answer this, but I will ask you if you are. The last 9 10 sentence of your testimony has the phrase "time is of the essence." And I think you described that concept in 11 12 terms of reliability. I am curious if that concept also applies to costs. Would a delay on this project impact 13 14 costs in any way, or is that within your expertise? 15 THE WITNESS: It's really not in my expertise. I would say that any delay from a legal standpoint, and 16 17 this is kind of a personal editorial, would definitely add from the cost of potentially acquiring new right 18 easements and legal costs. So there is a cost involved, 19 20 but I really don't have a good grasp on what all those costs would be. 21 22 MR. LEVAR: Construction costs isn't your 23 area. THE WITNESS: Well, construction costs. It's 24 25 not going to change the construction cost by -- well,

Page 35 1 other than inflationary cost and what we -- you know, 2 but other than that, we are going to build the line. We need to build the line, and if we build it today or this 3 4 year or we build it next year or we build it 10 years. 5 Well, we won't build it 10 years from now because -- I shouldn't say that. That's an editorial. 6 Never mind. MR. LEVAR: Thank you. You have answered my 8 question. 9 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 10 MR. LEVAR: Thank you, Mr. Shortt. 11 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 12 MR. LEVAR: Mr. Moscon. 13 MR. MOSCON: Mr. Shortt, thank you. You can step down. Thank you very much. The company would call 14 15 as its second witness Mr. Don Watts. 16 MR. LEVAR: Mr. Watts, do you swear to tell 17 the truth? 18 THE WITNESS: I do, yes. 19 DONALD T. WATTS, 20 called as a witness at the instance of the petitioner, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified 21 22 as follows: 23 MR. LEVAR: Thank you. Mr. Moscon. 24 MR. MOSCON: Thank you. 25 DIRECT EXAMINATION

- 1 BY MR. MOSCON:
- Q. Good morning, Mr. Watts. Will you please
- 3 state for the board your full name and spelling of your
- 4 last name.
- 5 A. Yes. Donald T. Watts, W-A-T-T-S.
- 6 Q. Thank you. And could you also please provide
- 7 just a very brief background to the board of your
- 8 training and what your job is for the company?
- 9 A. I will. I am a graduate of the University of
- 10 Utah with a degree in electrical engineering and a minor
- in business. I have been in the electric utility
- 12 business for 10 plus years, primarily as an engineer to
- 13 start, and then currently as a regional business manager
- 14 for the company, which entails working with communities
- 15 and customers to meet their needs.
- MR. LEVAR: If I could jump in a second. If
- 17 you wouldn't mind pulling the microphone a little closer
- 18 to you just for benefit to those who might be listening
- 19 to the stream or in the back of the room. Thanks.
- MR. MOSCON: Thank you.
- Q. (By Mr. Moscon) Mr. Watts, did you prepare
- 22 testimony to be filed in this matter?
- 23 A. I did. Yes.
- Q. Are you aware of any corrections or revisions
- 25 that would need to be made to that testimony, as you sit

- 1 here today?
- 2 A. I am not.
- Q. If I were to ask you the same questions here
- 4 today that are set forth in your testimony, would your
- 5 answers remain the same as they are recorded in that
- 6 testimony?
- 7 A. Yes, they would be.
- 8 MR. MOSCON: With that, the company moves for
- 9 the admission of the prefiled testimony of Mr. Watts,
- 10 together with the exhibits attached thereto.
- 11 MR. LEVAR: Any objection to that motion?
- MR. BERG: Well, county -- Wasatch County
- 13 actually requests maybe a little clarification before a
- 14 ruling is made on the motion. Having reviewed
- 15 Mr. Watts's testimony, the majority of it goes to why
- 16 the line was denied at the county level by both the
- 17 planning commission, as well as the board of adjustment.
- 18 And I think he accurately goes through and reflects all
- 19 of that. The exhibits to his testimony are a lot and in
- 20 great detail.
- 21 But as I am looking at the statutory
- 22 obligation of the board, whenever a local government has
- 23 prohibited construction of a facility which is needed to
- 24 provide safe, reliable, adequate, efficient service to
- 25 the customers of the public utility, then the board's

Page 38 convened. And I think that's where the focus is of this 1 2 board. I know in the prior order related to the 3 Tooele case several years ago, the board indicated that 4 5 they couldn't review such things as ridge line or impacts, you know, visual impacts, different things like 6 And while on the county level, that was exactly 8 what the planning commission and the board of adjustment was looking at was the requirement to grant a 9 10 conditional use permit and whether or not it violated a county ordinance related to the ridge line, I don't know 11 12 that the board -- if that has -- I don't think that testimony has any relevance to the hearing as to whether 13 14 or not it's needed for safe, reliable, adequate, efficient service. 15 So it almost seems like an irrelevant 16 17 testimony at this point simply because the board's not going to consider it. So for us to argue about it 18 doesn't, doesn't make a lot of sense from our 19 20 standpoint. I mean, I would love to be able to get up 21 and kind of go through what happened and why the 22 planning commission or the board of adjustment ruled the 23 way they did, but I don't think that has any bearing on what the board's decision is today. 24 25 I guess, correct me if I am wrong on that. Is

Page 39 that a correct summary of what -- why we are here today? 1 2 Well, I don't know that we are in a position 3 yet to answer that question. But I -- so we have an objection to the relevance of this testimony. 4 5 summarizing correctly? MR. BERG: Yeah. I don't see how it's going 6 to have a bearing on what the board's going to decide, I 8 quess. So it just seems like it would spend extra time 9 when it's not really going to affect the decision of the 10 board either way. MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. So we have an 11 12 objection to the relevance of Mr. Watt's testimony. Mr. Moscon, do you want to comment on this objection? 13 14 And I'll explain why the MR. MOSCON: Sure. 15 testimony of Mr. Watts is put forward, and if the board believes it's not anything it's interested in, we are 16 17 happy to withdraw Mr. Watts. Mr. -- one of the things under the Facility 18 19 Review Board Act the company is supposed to do is show 20 its standard operating cost. Here is the way we would build it, and then the county can -- and I am 21 22 paraphrasing -- change that, but then they have to pay 23 any incremental costs off of the standard costs. One of the things that Mr. Watts does is 24 25 explain how we got to where we are, why we are here and

- 1 not there, why this is standard procedure for the
- 2 company, including the community outreach to try and
- 3 resolve things.
- 4 He also sets forth the mitigation efforts to
- 5 try and resolve concerns. So for instance, one of the
- 6 stated concerns, as we already know, is proximity of
- 7 towers to structures, and he describes how we removed
- 8 guy wires or whatever to try and resolve those concerns.
- 9 So that is the testimony that's put forward.
- I think probably, for the board to understand
- 11 what I am talking about, if you flipped to Exhibit 12,
- 12 Mr. Watts' testimony, here is where Mr. Watts sets forth
- 13 kind of the options for the alignment that we are
- 14 talking about and describes how the company came to
- 15 having this alignment being its preferred choice. It's
- 16 standard model, if you will.
- 17 If there's a stipulation from Wasatch that
- 18 this alignment is, you know, is that, is that's the
- 19 standard kind of alignment cost, then I suppose I would
- 20 say, okay, it may not be needed. But that's the purpose
- 21 for which Mr. Watts is presented.
- MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Moscon.
- 23 Mr. Berg, anything else that you want to add before we
- 24 address this objection?
- 25 MR. BERG: I don't think there's anything to

Page 41 It seems like when the petition for review of the 1 add. 2 board came forward, wasn't it simply for Option 1 on 3 Mr. Watts' testimony? So I don't know that it -- I mean, initially there were four different options that 4 5 were presented, but it seems like when the appeal came -- or not the appeal, but the request for the review by 6 the board, Option 1 is the only one before the board, 8 isn't it? 9 Yes. We agree, Option 1 is the MR. MOSCON: 10 option that's before the board. And so again, I think that the evidence that is attached to Mr. Watts' 11 12 testimony is the evidence that indicates why Option 1 is the standard model, if you will, for the utility. 13 14 that's why. So again, that page that I turned to is 15 Option 1. And the additional exhibits kind of, I think, 16 17 explain how the company came to say, the alignment we have applied for is our standard cost from which any 18 changes or modifications would be considered an extra 19 20 cost. 21 At the conclusion of this proceeding, if I --22 under my interpretation of the act, the board will 23 essentially, if it were to rule in favor of the utility and find the facility needed, would say facility -- to 24 25 the county, county, you shall issue a permit. But we

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 1 are going to leave to your discretion that you can tell

 2 the company to do different things, so long as the
- 3 county is going to pay for any incremental costs or is
- 4 going to ensure that we are not, you know, making it any
- 5 less reliable, less safe, less efficient.
- 6 So I think to establish that baseline of what
- 7 the base cost would be, the base reliability, the base
- 8 efficiency, that's why these exhibits of Mr. Watts are
- 9 necessary so that if the county were to make any change,
- 10 you would have a baseline to compare it to.
- 11 MR. LEVAR: Thank you. Anything further,
- 12 Mr. Berg?
- MR. BERG: I would say, with that
- 14 clarification, and like I said before, I was simply
- 15 seeking maybe even clarification as to the need for
- 16 Mr. Watts' testimony. But with that clarification, I
- 17 have no objection to entering any testimony related to
- 18 those issues so...
- 19 MR. LEVAR: Okay. So you are withdrawing your
- 20 objection?
- 21 MR. BERG: Yeah.
- MR. LEVAR: Okay. Then motion will be granted
- 23 that Mr. Watts' testimony will be entered. Thank you.
- MR. MOSCON: Thank you.
- Q. (By Mr. Moscon) Mr. Watts, do you have a

Page 43 summary of your testimony that you had prepared that you 1 could share with the board? 2 3 Α. I do. 4 0. Would you, please. 5 For over four and a half years now, I have been working on this very important project to add 6 reliability and capacity for the benefit of Rocky 8 Mountain Power's customers in Wasatch and Summit counties. I was first assigned to this project in 9 10 August 2011, when I began working with Wasatch County to obtain a conditional use permit for the Wasatch segment, 11 12 after the company identified the final siting of the line. 13 14 I met with the county's planning and zoning 15 director to discuss the project and the needed permit and to determine if the county had any concerns. 16 The planning director indicated the application was 17 sufficient, and he did not express any concerns. 18 So I submitted the application. 19 20 About two weeks later, due to the overall project schedule, I withdrew the application and 21 22 informed the county that it would be refiled at a later 23 In the fall of 2014, the company was ready to move the project forward again. Like I did in 2011, I 24 25 approached the county to discuss the project and

Page 44 conditional use permit application. 1 2 This time the county voiced some concern with its ridge line ordinance. I scheduled follow-up 3 meetings with the county, as well as the adjacent 4 5 property owner, Black Rock and Mark 25 Group, who indicated they were concerned with the proximity of the 6 line to their development. To address the concerns and 8 explore potential options, the company developed some conceptual alternative alignments. 9 Ultimately, these efforts didn't result in 10 finding an alternative that satisfied both the county 11 12 and the Black Rock group, since their stated interests were in direct conflict. For every foot of additional 13 14 distance that is created between the facilities and the 15 adjacent landowner, the ridge line is further affected. You have already been referred to my Exhibit 16 17 If you would turn there as well again to show what In our Option 1, you see the proposed 18 that means. transmission line alignment that we -- on the bottom 19 20 image. For every foot we move away from that 21 neighboring development, which is Black Rock where you 22 see the townhomes that are being constructed, we further 23 impact and raise a greater concern that the county had in getting further away from there. So they are in 24

competition with each other, and so we couldn't satisfy

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Page 45 both of their concerns. 1 2 And we feel that the Option 1 that was presented was the best option for that because it was --3 it allowed for those poles in the corner to be below the 4 5 ridge line where it did not have everything above the ridge line. 6 In addition, Promontory, the land owner on which the line is sited, preferred our original 8 alignment as well. I believe it should be noted that 9 10 the company disagrees with the county's interpretation that the ridge line ordinance applies to utility 11 12 facilities, as stated in the company's legal memorandum. 13 Also the county has not been consistent in 14 applying its interpretation of the ridge line ordinance, 15 as seen in the images that were supplied at the beginning of the hearing. The last couple images are of 16 a power line that was permitted in 2004 from the 17 Mayflower off-ramp, which is one of the county's 18 approved view points in their ridge line ordinance. 19 20 That line received a conditional use permit 21 from the county with no mention of ridge line issues 22 other than to say that we had to commit to keep the 23 poles as short as possible. That was the only condition placed upon the company. 24 Both the 2004 project and this proposed 25

Page 46 project share the same voltage, share the similar 1 2 proximity to adjacent townhome developments, as depicted in those images that were shared prior to, and have 3 similar structures extending above the ridge line as 4 5 seen from a county-approved viewpoint, and incorporate similar design elements to mitigate these impacts. 6 In January 2015 the company submitted an application for a conditional use permit for the Wasatch 8 Between January '15 and August 2015, the 9 10 company attended several meetings with the county and property owners, including public hearings, to discuss 11 12 the concerns and potential mitigation measures. response to the -- in response, the company supplied 13 14 additional information to supplement the application. 15 The company also developed and submitted an alternative, lower-profile configuration along the same 16 17 route as the Wasatch segment in an attempt to accommodate the county's interpretation of the ridge 18 line ordinance. 19 20 If you turn the page in Exhibit 12, to what we 21 call our Option 2, that is our lower profile option. 22 And what that does is, it goes from our single pole 23 construction, which is our preferred method of construction for double circuit, and what we do is, we 24 take the three wires on either side and roll them flat 25

Page 47 to shorter poles. But it widens the width of our 1 transmission lines. 2 We use more poles to widen that out, and then 3 we come back up in the corner in turn and do the same 4 5 thing in the next structure. We roll flat, and then when we are out of the county, we come back up to a 6 vertical configuration on a single pole. It utilizes 8 more poles, but it did accommodate the county's concern 9 regarding their ridge line. It cleaned it up 10 substantially. The planning commission hearing was held in 11 12 August of 2015. Despite the refuting evidence, mitigation and alternatives offered by the company, the 13 14 county continued to express the same concerns, relying 15 on no studies or evidence, only public clamor. Based on its deliberations, the company requested the application 16 be continued to keep working with the parties and 17 explore alternatives, if any could be identified. 18 The planning commission denied the 19 20 continuation, and so the company decided to withdraw its application at that time. After that meeting, knowing 21 22 how important this line is to our customers, the company 23 was determined to try and find an option that the parties could support. 24 25 The first option was to underground the two

Page 48 circuits, and the other option was to site the 1 2 transmission line so it generally follows the Brown's Canyon Road to Highway 248 and then back into its 3 original alignment. Each of the options had additional 4 5 costs that the county would be required to pay if selected as an option. 6 In September of 2015 the company filed that 8 new application for a conditional use permit, which included those two additional options. The application 9 10 also included evidence addressing the concerns previously raised by the county. In November of 2015, 11 12 the planning commission heard the application at a public hearing during which the county raised the same 13 14 concerns it had previously raised and dismissed the 15 data, studies and information the company had submitted. The planning commission denied the 16 17 application. The company then appealed to the Board of Adjustments, and the hearing or the hearing for that was 18 held in January of 2016. Again, the same concerns were 19 20 deliberated. The Board of Adjustments demonstrated little reliance on the company's evidence that was 21 22 submitted, and the Board of Adjustments denied the 23 appeal. 24 Even in denying the appeal, however, the board affirmed that the need for the project was not in 25

Page 49 question stating, "I don't thinking that there is any 1 2 argument there that there needs to be upgraded lines 3 into Heber valley." 4 The company has worked diligently with the 5 county and tried to identify acceptable solutions. Despite the company's efforts, the county has denied the 6 company's conditional use permit. The company and its 8 customers, including our customers in Wasatch County, including Heber Light and Power, need this project to 9 10 provide safe, reliable, adequate and efficient power and That is why we are here before the board. 11 service. 12 MR. MOSCON: Thank you. Mr. Watts is 13 available for cross-examination. 14 MR. LEVAR: Thank you. Mr. Berg. 15 MR. BERG: No cross-examination at this time. 16 MR. LEVAR: Thank you. Any questions from board members for Mr. Watts? Ms. Holbrook. 17 MS. HOLBROOK: Mr. Watts, I have a question. 18 So is it a typical business practice for Rocky Mountain 19 20 Power to strictly put all of the additional costs for, say, underground burial lines on to the county where it 21 22 resides? Is that the typical situation? 23 THE WITNESS: I believe that's by state 24 statute or state law. 25 MS. HOLBROOK: Okay. Thank you.

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1	MR. LEVAR: Thank you. Any further board
2	questions? Seeing none, thank you, Mr. Watts.
3	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
4	MR. MOSCON: Thank you, Mr. Watts.
5	MR. LEVAR: Mr. Moscon, I was just wondering,
6	we are a little early for a break. But I was wondering
7	if, depending on what you estimated for the length of
8	Mr. Ambrose's testimony, would it be better to take a
9	break now than to come after?
10	MR. MOSCON: It's a good question, and we
11	probably should ask Mr. Berg. His summary, I imagine,
12	takes three minutes. But I don't know if there's going
13	to be lengthy cross or no cross from Mr. Berg. Or
14	excuse me, by Mr. Berg.
15	MR. BERG: I don't anticipate cross would
16	probably be more than 10 minutes at the most. Of
17	course, as we get going, it could take longer, and
18	attorneys always seem to err when they say it's only
19	going to take five more minutes. I would have no
20	objection to taking a break now if the board wants to.
21	MR. MOSCON: Whatever the board prefers.
22	MR. LEVAR: Why don't we go ahead then with
23	Mr. Ambrose and we'll see where we go.
24	MR. MOSCON: Company calls Mr. Chad Ambrose.
25	MR. LEVAR: Mr. Ambrose, do you swear to tell

Page 51 the truth? 1 2 THE WITNESS: Yes. 3 MR. LEVAR: Thank you. 4 CHAD BURTON AMBROSE, 5 called as a witness at the instance of the petitioner, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified 6 as follows: 8 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MOSCON: 9 10 0. Good morning, Mr. Ambrose. While you are 11 unpacking, could you please state and spell your last 12 name for the record. Chad Burton Ambrose, A-M-B-R-O-S-E. 13 Α. Thank you. Would you please provide the board 14 Q. 15 a very brief background of your training and what your duties with the company are? 16 You bet. I am a regional business manager for 17 Rocky Mountain Power. I have worked for the company for 18 19 almost 14 years. It's going fast, and I work in Summit 20 County, manage Summit County's relationship. Thank you, Mr. Ambrose. Did you cause to be 21 0. 22 filed testimony in this proceeding? 23 Α. Yes, I did. 24 Did you file more than one piece of testimony? Q. I filed rebuttal as well. 25 Α.

Page 52 1 Okay. Are you aware, as you sit here today, 0. 2 of -- let's start with your direct testimony. Are you aware of any corrections or changes that would need to 3 4 be made to your direct testimony? 5 Α. No. Are you aware of any corrections or changes 6 7 that would need to be made to your supplemental 8 testimony? 9 No. Α. 10 0. If I were to ask you all the questions that 11 are set forth in your prefiled testimony, would your answers today be the same as they are recorded in both 12 pieces of testimony? 13 14 Α. Yes. MR. MOSCON: With that, the company moves for 15 the admission of both the direct and rebuttal testimony 16 17 of Mr. Ambrose, together with the exhibits attached 18 thereto. 19 MR. LEVAR: Thank you. Mr. Berg, any 20 objection? 21 MR. BERG: No objection from Wasatch. 22 MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. They will be 23 entered. Thank you. 24 MR. MOSCON: 25 (By Mr. Moscon) Mr. Ambrose, have you Q.

Page 53 prepared a summary of your testimony you could share 1 with the board? 2 3 Α. Yes, I have. 4 0. Would you please. 5 So I'd first like to start, if I can, with a 6 summary of, really the summary of the outcome. ultimately accepted the Wasatch segment because we were 8 faced with potential condemnation and prolonged litigation and significant construction delays. 9 10 Instead of this, we got a fixed-width 11 easement. Promontory agreed to pay the excess costs, and the line stayed in the same owner's property. Rate 12 payers save time. They save money, and ultimately, 13 because of this decision, will have the reliability they 14 15 need more quickly. I'd like to give a little bit of background on 16 17 how we got here. We began reaching out to our customers and property owners in Summit County in May of 2008. 18 Additionally, we held open houses, several different 19 20 open houses in Summit County, to discuss the high level nature of the project. 21 22 The company took part in a monumental effort 23 as well to bring counties and key stakeholders together to develop plan that would address the growing energy 24 needs of Summit and Wasatch counties. It resulted in a 25

1	guidance document called the Summit Wasatch electrical
2	plan. It was not intended to, nor does it supersede the
3	company's tariff or siting procedures.
4	This electrical plan treats the section of
5	line along Brown's Canyon Road in that it was subject to
6	change. We believe that the treatment in the the
7	Wasatch segment is consistent with the electrical plan.
8	I'd like to talk a little bit about working
9	with Promontory. Promontory told Rocky Mountain Power
10	in initial meetings and throughout multiple discussions
11	that they would not allow the company to upgrade the
12	existing transmission line in its current alignment due
13	to their master plan, and that they were willing to work
14	with the company to develop alternatives and find an
15	alignment that works ultimately for all of our rate
16	payers.
17	So why is Rocky Mountain Power here today?
18	Rocky Mountain Power, as with all transmission projects,
19	desires to first evaluate upgrading and placement
20	possible. However, the company understands that it must
21	do what is in the best interests of its customers.
22	Therefore, we explored additional options to avoid
23	litigation and lengthy battles with Promontory.
24	The property owner was willing to absorb the
25	impacts of the infrastructure on their land, which is

- 1 significant to note. So here is what we did and what we
- 2 have avoided. We looked at several options. The
- 3 existing one, as we have talked about today. We also
- 4 looked at another alignment in the middle, and another
- 5 route which was ultimately chosen that we call today the
- 6 Wasatch section.
- 7 Promontory looks not just at property value,
- 8 but at all of the lots that would have been impacted by
- 9 the existing alignment. Litigation for the existing
- 10 alignment would expose customers to risk, and we want to
- 11 avoid this. Getting the project completed promptly and
- 12 low cost is what our customers need, and the Wasatch
- 13 solution provides that.
- We considered additional routes. We priced
- 15 them, and we came up with a solution that is best for
- 16 all of our customers. We evaluated the fact that the
- 17 line was going to get moved at a later date by
- 18 Promontory. This would disrupt reliability to our
- 19 customers in the future. So now was the time to
- 20 evaluate it and to do it.
- 21 We also agreed to a clause in our construction
- 22 work agreement to dissolve the agreement with Promontory
- 23 if we could not obtain a permit. We are here today, all
- 24 of us are here today to obtain that permit. If you deny
- 25 us the permit, then the company does not have the

- 1 ability to adequately protect its customers, as
- 2 Promontory contests our ability to locate this double
- 3 circuit transmission line in the existing alignment, and
- 4 we still have the risk associated with permitting the
- 5 line. That risk doesn't go away.
- 6 We also still have the same risk of winding up
- 7 here for a different route all with the same intention,
- 8 providing reliable power to our customers, but now at a
- 9 significantly greater cost. Each year we delay this
- 10 project -- as I understand it, we have a budget of about
- 11 16 million dollars between Coalville, where we -- we
- 12 have built from Evanston all the way to Coalville. So
- 13 from Evanston to Silver Creek, we have a budget of about
- 14 16 million dollars.
- 15 If we continue to defer that, if you look at a
- 16 CPI of 3 percent, that's \$480,000 every year that we
- 17 will be putting on the backs of our customers through a
- 18 delay.
- 19 Essentially Rocky Mountain Power insulated its
- 20 customers from significant risk. It could have fought
- 21 with Promontory, exposing our customers to delays,
- 22 additional costs, all to end up with an outcome that
- 23 remains unknown. Instead, we worked with Promontory,
- 24 who provided an uncontested easement, was willing to pay
- 25 the incremental costs, and Rocky Mountain Power ended up

with the same costs of the existing alignment. 1 Rocky 2 Mountain Power, we believe, made the right choice. In summary, my direct and rebuttal testimony 3 demonstrates that the company is considering the 4 5 variables and is acting in the best interest of its customers. While it is obvious that Rocky Mountain 6 Power is caught between two competitive developers, it boils down to -- what it boils down to is Rocky Mountain 8 Power has a need to serve its customers. 9 10 The line crosses over a property owners's 11 property. That property owner is willing to keep the 12 line on their property and pay the incremental costs for the relocation. There is nothing here that is 13 14 inconsistent with our utilities mandate to serve our 15 customers. That's the conclusion of my summary. 16 MR. MOSCON: Thank you. Mr. Ambrose is 17 available for cross-examination. MR. LEVAR: Thank you. Mr. Berg. 18 19 MR. BERG: Okav. 20 CROSS-EXAMINATION 2.1 BY MR. BERG: 22 Do you already have a copy there of what's 23 marked in your direct testimony as Exhibit 4? I have a copy here if you like. 24 25 Yes, I do. Yep, I've got it. Α.

- 1 O. Okay. Could you first turn to -- and this
- 2 doesn't have a page number on it. There weren't page
- 3 numbers on the exhibit. But if you will turn to 2.1,
- 4 relocation costs.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. Could you read for the board, even just
- 7 that first sentence under relocation costs?
- 8 A. "Promontory agrees to pay the sum of 275,000
- 9 for its share of the cost to build the replacement
- 10 facilities in the alternative alignment."
- 11 Q. Okay. So that is their contractual obligation
- 12 to pay for the alignment to be moved from its current
- 13 alignment; is that correct?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 O. Okay. And if we could go in that same
- 16 exhibit -- and you already made reference to this in
- 17 summary.
- 18 A. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. But it's under 1.4 B, starting with Rocky
- 20 Mountain Power. It's on the third page of that exhibit.
- 21 Could you read subsection B for the record?
- 22 A. Would you like the whole thing?
- Q. Yeah, just that one paragraph.
- 24 A. "Rocky Mountain Power has entered into this
- 25 agreement without having completed the necessary

- 1 environmental work and analysis to determine whether
- 2 Rocky Mountain Power can obtain permits necessary to
- 3 build the relocated facilities within the alternative
- 4 alignment. Such environmental and permitting work will
- 5 be conducted by Rocky Mountain Power using commercially
- 6 reasonable efforts and at its expense prior to
- 7 construction.
- 8 "In the event environmental issues or
- 9 restrictions are discovered that preclude the
- 10 construction of the relocated facilities within the
- 11 alternative alignment, materially increase project
- 12 costs, or cause a material delay to the project, Rocky
- 13 Mountain Power may at any time, prior to the
- 14 commencement of construction, terminate this agreement
- 15 by giving notice to Promontory and refunding the initial
- 16 payment and final payment, to the extent such payments
- 17 may have been already made by Promontory, and returning
- 18 the unrecorded transmission line easement to the
- 19 Promontory; or if the easement has been recorded,
- 20 recording the release of the transmission line easement
- 21 provided by Promontory as required in Section 2.1 herein
- 22 below."
- 23 Q. Okay. So as you -- just wanted that for just
- 24 for clarification, more than just a brief summary that
- 25 you provided. So if the permit is denied, then that

- 1 does allow Rocky Mountain Power to go back to the
- 2 original alignment as it's in the current easement that
- 3 it's had since 1916, I believe; is that -- correct?
- 4 A. Is that a question?
- 5 Q. -- correct? Yeah. Is that correct? If the
- 6 permit was denied -- it was denied at the county level.
- 7 Now, if it's not ordered to -- if it's denied here by
- 8 the board, then that section of the contract does allow
- 9 Rocky Mountain Power to continue using the current
- 10 easement that they have.
- 11 A. What it does for our customers is, it puts
- 12 them in a position where, No. 1, their reliability will
- 13 be delayed. No. 2, there will be additional costs, as I
- 14 have explained. There will be litigation. There will
- 15 be condemnation. That will basically be an outcome if
- 16 we are denied today.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. Which we do not see as a path forward.
- 19 Q. Okay. Could you also turn to your prefiled
- 20 testimony, if we look at Exhibit 3 on there.
- 21 A. Exhibit 3?
- 22 Q. This is the one entitled Promontory
- 23 Development Southwest Wyoming to Silver Creek
- 24 transmission project.
- 25 A. Yep.

Page 61 1 So here we are looking at Route A, and that 0. 2 is, as we discussed under Mr. Shortt's testimony, the blue line indicated on the prior exhibit, Exhibit 2. 3 we look at the cost, what is the cost for Rocky Mountain 4 Power to upgrade in that existing easement? 5 1.39 million. 6 Α. So 1 million, 390,000, somewhere in that 0. 8 neighborhood? 9 Α. (Witness nods.) 10 Q. And now, Promontory requested what is shown on Exhibit 2 as the red line, and that is Route 2 C, 11 Promontory boundary 4. What is the cost for that? 12 Α. 2.35 million. 13 Okay. Now, you also work -- you said in your 14 Q. 15 beginning, you have been working on this entire project bringing it all the way from Wyoming down to the Silver 16 17 Creek substation? I have only worked in the Summit County 18 Α. 19 portion. 20 Okay. In the Summit County portion? Q. 21 Correct. Α. 22 Thank you for the clarification. And on 23 December 14th of 2015 you filed an appeal application with Summit County regarding a portion of the 24

transmission line from Coalville to Brown's Canyon; is

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- 1 that correct?
- 2 A. That is correct.
- 3 Q. And I have a copy of this application that you
- 4 filed. This application is marked as Exhibit D in
- 5 Wasatch County's memorandum. Let me hand this to you.
- 6 And you can take a minute to look at that quickly. Is
- 7 that an accurate copy of the appeal application?
- 8 A. From what I can tell.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. Looking at it here.
- 11 Q. And if you will turn to page 4 of the letter
- 12 that's attached with that, and this is a letter from
- 13 your legal counsel supporting the appeal application,
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. If you would look at the bottom highlighted
- 17 portion, the final paragraph about six lines down, and
- 18 then continuing on to the next page. This is
- 19 discussing -- well, I guess, sorry. First, let -- I am
- 20 getting ahead of myself. Let's take a step back.
- 21 What was the purpose of this appeal? What's
- 22 it an appeal from?
- A. How is this relevant when we are talking about
- 24 the Wasatch County portion? Sorry. I just have to ask.
- Q. Well, I think at this point your legal counsel

- 1 can ask the questions in clarification. But I just need
- 2 you to answer.
- 3 MR. LEVAR: Are you making an objection,
- 4 Mr. Moscon?
- 5 MR. MOSCON: I was going to say, I know that
- 6 this has been put forward. I don't have an objection to
- 7 Mr. Ambrose, who said he has represented the company in
- 8 Summit County proceedings, from indicating to the board
- 9 what the process is.
- 10 What I anticipate we are about to get to is
- 11 what I would be objecting to as asking this witness for
- 12 some legal conclusions to ask this witness to interpret
- language from lawyers written to another board. And so
- 14 I have kind of been on my toes waiting for the question
- 15 to come out. So I would object to it then.
- But as far as just acknowledging that there
- 17 was an appeal to Summit County that the company is
- involved with, I don't mind if the witness answers just
- 19 that question.
- 20 MR. BERG: And there is not going to be any
- 21 request for him to make any type of legal analysis, just
- 22 to review some statements that were in the application
- 23 for the record.
- 24 MR. LEVAR: Okay. Why don't we continue
- 25 forward with that understanding.

1	Q. (By Mr. Berg) What was the purpose of this
2	appeal?
3	A. The purpose of this appeal is related to a
4	section of our transmission line that was denied Rocky
5	Mountain Power by the Eastern Summit County planning
6	commission. That section of line crosses through five
7	property owners who are agricultural property owners
8	that have not yet signed fixed-width easements.
9	Q. Okay. And so those property owners were
10	simply saying, we don't want this upgraded power line in
11	the current easement that you have?
12	A. That's correct.
13	Q. Okay. And if you could please read on page
14	beginning on page 4, just those highlighted sentences
15	that was included as part of the appeal application.
16	A. Is that where it says nevertheless?
17	Q. Yeah, starting at nevertheless.
18	A. "Nevertheless, the company does not need
19	fixed-width easements nor any other kind of consent from
20	these property owners because the 1916 easements remain
21	validity and be and provide sufficient rights for the
22	company to rebuild the line this line.
23	"When the previous landowners granted these
24	easements nearly a century ago, they contested expressly
25	for the alignment to be used as a power transmission

Page 65 1 line. The ongoing validity of these easements was 2 confirmed during the application process and is not in 3 question." 4 0. Okay. Thank you. 5 No further questions at this time. MR. BERG: 6 MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Berg. redirect? 8 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MOSCON: 9 10 0. Just one quick question to the extent you know, Mr. Ambrose. You were just asked to read comments 11 from a letter from lawyers to Summit County talking 12 about a 1916 easement that it concludes was -- that the 13 valid of which was confirmed during the application 14 15 process. Do you have an understanding whether the 16 17 easement that this letter is talking about is the same easement that is at issue today with the Promontory 18 19 property? Is that the same easement? 20 Promontory's easement is very clear that it Α. does not address a 138 double circuit transmission line. 21 22 MR. MOSCON: Thank you. No further follow-up. 23 MR. LEVAR: Thank you. Any recross? 24 MR. BERG: No, Your Honor. 25 MR. LEVAR: Questions from board members.

- 1 Mr. White?
- 2 MR. WHITE: Just one question, Mr. Ambrose.
- 3 Something you said earlier piqued my interest. Is it
- 4 your understanding that the line on the 46 KV, the
- 5 Promontory property, is that yet to be permitted by
- 6 Summit County? In other words, would that be required
- 7 to actually be permitted through Summit County?
- 8 THE WITNESS: So -- great question. Through
- 9 Summit County we have received a permit from Brown's
- 10 Canyon Road all the way to the Summit Wasatch border.
- MR. LEVAR: Thank you. Any other board member
- 12 questions? Mr. Wilson.
- MR. WILSON: One question. You indicated that
- 14 you are saving the rate payers money and you anticipate
- 15 litigation costs. Has your legal department indicated
- 16 they don't believe you have that easement in Wasatch
- 17 County in order to support the increased load line? Was
- 18 that a fair statement?
- 19 THE WITNESS: Can you restate that? I'm
- 20 sorry.
- 21 MR. WILSON: I don't know if I can or not, but
- 22 I'll try.
- THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
- 24 MR. WILSON: I am curious as to Rocky Mountain
- 25 Power's position on the easement in Wasatch County. Is

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1	there an easement for the line or not?
2	THE WITNESS: Yes. We currently have an
3	easement in Wasatch County that is recorded.
4	MR. WILSON: But you say you anticipate
5	litigation. Has your legal department advised you that
6	that would be litigated by Promontory?
7	THE WITNESS: We have been advised by
8	Promontory and our legal department that if we did not
9	work in essence with them through an independent
10	evaluation of this new route through Wasatch, that if we
11	were to strive to fight Promontory for the existing
12	alignment, that that would be litigated and there would
13	be condemnation proceedings.
14	MR. WILSON: For the existing line?
15	THE WITNESS: For the existing, correct.
16	MR. WILSON: So your legal department has said
17	you don't have an easement or you do? I'm just trying
18	to clarify that.
19	THE WITNESS: So for the Wasatch County
20	portion, we'll call it just the Wasatch section, we do
21	have an easement that has been recorded for the existing
22	alignment. That easement is absolutely in question, and
23	it would require litigation and condemnation.
24	MR. WILSON: It's in question?
25	THE WITNESS: It is.
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Page 68 Just follow up on that question. 1 MR. WHITE: So would the condemnation be for the -- what, the 2 additional voltage or height or distance? 3 In other words, is there additional fee property or easement you 4 5 would need to upgrade it from the current voltage to 6 138? THE WITNESS: That's correct. We would need 8 to widen our easement. We would need to widen it to, I believe it's a 60 foot wide easement. And that 9 10 acquisition of property, given the fact that it directly conflicts with Promontory's master plan, would require 11 12 condemnation. MR. WHITE: Is there a current assumed width 13 14 based upon the center line easement, or it just where it's been for a hundred years? In other words, that 15 hasn't been defined as of yet? 16 17 THE WITNESS: I am probably not the correct witness to answer that. Perhaps our legal department 18 19 could help with that. 20 MR. LEVAR: If you could provide clarification on that question, that would be great. 21 22 MR. MOSCON: Sure. And if this answers both 23 the questions that Mr. Wilson raised as well as 24 Mr. White. The company has an easement, a center line

easement, across Promontory's property for a single

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Page 69 circuit, 46 KV line. Promontory has taken the position 1 that that easement is insufficient to host a 138 KV 2 double circuit line, which has increased width, as well 3 as it's a double circuit, rather than a single circuit. 4 5 The company may not agree with Promontory's But nevertheless, that is Promontory's 6 position. position. And I -- by the way, noted this is a good 8 point to clarify for the board. The exhibit that was referred to which is Exhibit No. 4 to Mr. Ambrose's 9 10 testimony which is the construction agreement, I am 11 nervous that the copy that the board has is actually 12 missing a page. 13 And so with permission after these 14 proceedings, we'll submit a corrected copy. And the 15 reason that's important is the missing page, if you were to turn to the last page that you do have right above 16 17 the signatures, the missing language is this point. The line that you see says --18 MR. BERG: I would object to that at this 19 20 point until I have seen it, simply because I made a 21 request for that page, but I didn't ever receive it. So 22 I would just like to view it before it goes into 23 evidence before the board. 24 MR. MOSCON: I'm happy -- and I'm sorry. Ι 25 didn't realize you didn't get that follow-up copy. What

you do see here on, whatever this page number is right 1 2 above Section 6 integration, says free to assert any and all rights, claims, defenses that were otherwise 3 available to them, notwithstanding entering into this 4 5 agreement. 6 That is the place where Promontory says 7 contractually, "Look, we are not agreeing, company, that 8 you can put your 138 line here. And so if you don't get 9 your permit and you go back to square one, that doesn't 10 mean you get to build your line here. We are still 11 retaining our argument that the only thing you have an 12 easement for is a 46 single circuit line, and we still intend to fight you about whether you can put a double 13 14 circuit 138 KV line in." 15 But to clarify another question that was raised, what Promontory did do is say, "Here we will 16 17 give you an easement. If you move your line from here to there, we will give you an easement, and we will pay 18 the difference." 19 20 So you may have heard, Mr. Wilson, some testimony that sounded confusing about, we do have an 21 22 easement. So the company does have an easement for this 23 Option 1 that we are asking for now, where Promontory has said, "Yes, if you move your line from here to 24 25 there, we will give you a fixed-width easement."

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     easements on their property, and that's probably why
     there's been a little lack of clarity about that point.
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     So there is an easement, as we sit here, for the
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     proposed Option 1 on Promontory's property, if that
     clarifies the question.
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               MR. WILSON: May I? No, I understood that.
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     would be increased costs. Apparently, the legal may or
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     may not believe they have the easement for the increased
     load line, I'll call it that, rather than state the
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     numbers. So that was my question. And I don't know who
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               THE WITNESS: Can I? So in order to secure
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     line that goes right through the southeastern portion of
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     that, what we have is a property owner that was willing
     to provide us a fixed-width easement that does go into
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Page 72 1 and they are willing to pay the cost difference in the 2 upgrade. 3 MR. WILSON: I don't have any other questions. 4 MR. LEVAR: Oh. Were you wanting to ask a 5 question? If I may. And it pertains to your 6 MR. CLARK: last statement. You received some questions on 8 cross-examination about the cost difference, and just in 9 your words, can you restate for us what, what the total 10 cost difference is between -- I am going to refer to CBA-2 -- the blue line and the red line. 11 12 THE WITNESS: The cost difference between the blue line and the red line, after having performed a 13 14 more detailed cost estimate, as you refer to in that 15 exhibit, those were high level block estimates, plus or minus 50 percent. At the end of the day, the cost 16 17 difference that we determined with Promontory was the \$275,000 in the two routes, and they cover -- and they 18 are willing to cover that cost. 19 20 MR. CLARK: And that's the total cost difference in construction? 2.1 22 THE WITNESS: Correct. 23 MR. CLARK: Another question, if I may. This is on a slightly different subject. But if I -- if I 24 25 wrote down your words correctly, you used the phrase,

Page 73 "The line was going to get moved at a later date by 1 2 Promontory." What did you mean by that? And what was 3 your set of assumptions around that? 4 THE WITNESS: So as we approached Promontory, 5 as you refer in my direct testimony, we approached Promontory like we did with all of the property owners, 6 where the transmission line would be upgraded. And as 8 we approached Promontory, it was clear, No. 1 -- they made it clear that it conflicted with the master plan 9 10 and that that line would have to be moved at some point in order for their master plan to go forward. 11 12 Now, that relocation would be on the back of Promontory. Rocky Mountain Power was looking to upgrade 13 14 the transmission line. That triggered the opportunity 15 for Promontory to ask Rocky Mountain Power, "We need this moved, and we will work with you to provide a low 16 cost alternative. We will provide you the easements 17 necessary to do it if you will work with us and 18 independently evaluate if the transmission line is 19 20 reliable that you are looking to relocate and that it meets your technical specifications, as laid out in Ken 21 22 Shortt's testimony, to make this happen." And that's 23 exactly what we did. 24 MR. WHITE: I hate to ask this question, but 25 as a follow-up, where would it be relocated to?

Page 74 1 Option 1 alignment. 2 THE WITNESS: Yet to be known. Yet to be 3 We didn't necessarily need to go down that road. known. MR. LEVAR: Did you have follow-ups? 4 5 MR. CLARK: Well, I'll tell you what I am thinking about. I am wondering about how to understand 6 better what the condemnation process would be, how long 8 it would take, and what its likely costs would be. 9 maybe more than -- maybe I am not the only one wondering 10 that, but I just don't know, Chair LeVar, how to improve my understanding of that. But that's the question. 11 12 am not sure they are fair questions to put to this witness. 13 But --14 Yeah. Is that a question that MR. LEVAR: 15 would be better for the --16 MR. CLARK: Counsel maybe? 17 MR. LEVAR: -- oral argument we will have 18 later? MR. CLARK: I am wondering if our two counsel 19 20 can cooperate in producing some kind of perspective on 21 that. 22 MR. MOSCON: Would the board like that 23 addressed now or in the oral argument? I am happy to let each side give our understanding at this point or in 24 25 closing, oral argument, whatever the board prefers.

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                           Well, let me ask Mr. Clark.
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               MR. LEVAR:
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     we'll probably take a break soon before we start legal
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     after the break as they give their legal arguments?
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     extent that there can be some consistent parameters or
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               MR. WHITE:
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     litigation position. But you know, what is the
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     that's confidential or is going to somehow be a
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     know if that's appropriate. But I am just kind of
     adding on to the same thoughts that Mr. Clark had, I
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               THE WITNESS: We did do a severance analysis
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     you can talk about that at a break.
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     information that we can share wherever the board wants.
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Page 76 Okay. We could have that 1 MR. LEVAR: proffered during the legal argument portion. 2 3 MR. CLARK: Thanks. That concludes my 4 questions. 5 MR. LEVAR: Okay. I have one brief question 6 for Mr. Ambrose, and I apologize if you have answered this already in your testimony or your exhibits. But in 8 your summary I thought I heard you give an estimate of 9 around \$480,000 a year of costs for each year the 10 project is delayed. Was that just based on average 11 inflation to construction costs, or was there something 12 else in there? Correct. Yeah. The 16 million 13 THE WITNESS: 14 dollars, and it's not found in my testimony. As I 15 understand it -- while I am just the regional business guy, not the project manager, but as I understand it, we 16 17 have a budget of about 16 million to finish from Coalville to Silver Creek. And every year that you 18 defer, we defer that construction and delay it, it's 19 20 about 3 percent, if you assume a 3 percent CPI. So 480 21 thousand, then you compound it each year. 22 MR. LEVAR: Thank you. 23 THE WITNESS: You bet. 24 MR. LEVAR: Any further board questions of 25 Mr. Ambrose? Okay. Thank you, Mr. Ambrose.

1	Page 77 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
2	MR. LEVAR: Then why don't we take
3	MR. MOSCON: Before we have him step down
4	MR. LEVAR: Sorry.
5	MR. MOSCON: I wonder one of the things that
6	I'll to answer one of questions, there's probably a
7	factual thing that rather than me proffering, I probably
8	could just have a witness answer if the board will
9	indulge me just ask one question.
10	MR. LEVAR: Go ahead.
11	CONTINUED REDIRECT EXAMINATION
12	BY MR. MOSCON:
13	Q. Mr. Ambrose, because this is an issue of
14	concern to the board, do you know, has the company done
15	any analysis or have third parties analyzed what the
16	potential condemnation costs would be on the property to
17	be condemned if the company had to go along what has
18	been referred to as the blue line?
19	A. Let me go back to the blue line.
20	Q. It's the existing 46 KV alignment.
21	A. Yep. So what we have done, and that was the
22	study I was referring to. We have a the LECG Group
23	performed a severance analysis that in essence evaluated
24	what the dollar value would be for the property on the
25	existing, we'll call it the blue line, and then on the
	existing, we if earlie the blue line, and then on the

Page 78 1 reroute, which is the Wasatch segment, the red line. 2 And yes. They did do that. They do not go 3 into, as the best of my understanding, to actual condemnation. But they look at property value impact. 4 Do you know what that number is that LECG told 5 6 the company? Α. I have it in my notes. The existing right of 8 way value -- just make sure I get this right. So the 9 Rocky Mountain Power. Let's see. The existing right of 10 way value was 225,000. The alternative right of way value, according to the analysis was 390,000. 11 12 So in essence, what they do is, they look at -- they say there was 60 lots that would be impacted 13 14 by the existing line. Is that the blue line? I think 15 it is. Yeah, the blue line. There would be 60 lots impacted at \$250,000 a lot, times in essence a 10 16 percent diminution of property value, equals a \$1.5 17 million impact. So it would be a \$1.5 million impact to 18 19 Promontory if we were to go after that. 20 MS. HOLBROOK: Mr. Chair, can I ask a quick question? Mr. Ambrose, really quickly, what year was 21 22 that performed?

performed in February 26, 2010.

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values would be very different today. This was

THE WITNESS: I'm glad you asked because the

Page 79 MS. HOLBROOK: 2010? 1 2 THE WITNESS: 2010, yeah. Property values of 3 today in Promontory are significantly higher than that 4 now. 5 MS. HOLBROOK: Thank you. 6 MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Berg, do you have any cross with respect to those questions that 8 Mr. Moscon just asked him? Nothing at this time. No. 9 MR. BERG: 10 MR. LEVAR: Okay. Why don't we -- since 11 there's some discussion that needs to happen during the 12 break, why don't we take a little longer than normal break. Why don't we just reconvene at 11 o'clock for 13 14 legal argument. Thank you. 15 (Recess from 10:42 a.m. to 11:03 a.m.) 16 MR. LEVAR: Okay. We're back on the record. 17 MR. CLARK: Chair LeVar, before you get too far into the next part of our proceeding, I've got a 18 19 question that I want to present or a request really. 20 My understanding of the cost differential between the -- again I'll go to the blue line and the 21 22 red line, or the existing easement and the easement that 23 Promontory has more recently granted, the alternate route. My understanding of the cost differences there 24 25 is that Promontory's going to absorb them.

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     subject right now, and I am wondering if we could hear
     from the witness, the company's witness who is best able
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     to address that for us, if that's -- I am -- well, I'll
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     leave that to counsel. But that's an issue I need some
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     more information on if the chair is willing to indulge
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     that taking of a little more evidence in that area.
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               MR. MOSCON: And I am happy, if it helps, to
     just, I think, indicate what our undisputed facts on the
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     topic from the agreement, and then if there's questions
     or you want to recall the witnesses, we're happy to do
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     to Mr. Berg if he thinks I have overstated anything.
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     in which Promontory said, "I would like this line
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     is consistent with their tariff. This isn't just unique
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     to this case, where this would apply to the distribution
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     in your back yard if you had one.
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               If you want a line moved on your property and
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     moving it will not impact the reliability, safety,
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     adequacy of the company's infrastructure, they will
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     allow generally any landowner to dictate and say, "Move
     this line from my land here to here, " but that landowner
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     has to pay to do that.
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               And so the -- what's been marked as -- or what
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     was Exhibit 4 that we looked at, which was that
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     construction agreement, that's where the company looked
     and said, "Okay, Promontory. There is now a 46 CV line
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     running through your property here."
               And in the discussions about upgrading that to
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     a larger line, Promontory said, "Look, we don't think
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     you can build your bigger line here, but we don't want
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     to fight. If you will agree to move it over here, still
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     on our property, we will do two things. No. 1, we will
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     give you a fixed-width easement that's as wide as you
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     need for the 138 double circuit line, and in addition,
     we'll pay that incremental cost."
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               So we had the testimony about how many extra
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     poles.
             It's 15 extra poles, or how many more feet of
     conductor going across. And that was the number that
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     was approximately $275,000.
               The company looked at it and said, "Okay.
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     amount that it's going to cost extra to build the line
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     over there on your property, because we have a few more
     poles, is approximately that. So if you pay us that,
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     then we will go ahead and move the line over there
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     because you kind of made our rate payers whole. You
     have paid for the extra poles and the extra feet of
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     conductor. And you know, so here is our agreement and
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- 1 here is when you are going to pay it."
- 2 So that was that cost. That number is
- 3 different than some numbers that you may have heard
- 4 where the company said, not having this conversation
- 5 with Promontory, but internally, "Okay. We have
- 6 somebody that doesn't want to cooperate potentially, or
- 7 at least they are saying that they won't cooperate
- 8 there. Let's huddle and decide how much could our rate
- 9 payers or us be exposed to if we said, we think we can
- 10 go where our line is now and you say we can't. And so
- if we get into a condemnation proceeding, what could
- 12 that possibly cost us."
- Now, keep in mind the company is still
- 14 going -- if that were to happen, would argue and say,
- 15 "Hey, we think we can go here, and we don't think we
- 16 have to pay you anything," but there's a risk. And so
- 17 that was the analysis that Mr. Ambrose testified to, and
- 18 I think he ended up at approximately 1.5 million on just
- 19 the severance damage, much less any of the actual taking
- 20 of those lots or the golf course land across the
- 21 Promontory piece.
- That is when the company made the decision to
- 23 say, "Okay. If we cooperate with them, like our tariff
- 24 instructs us to do, we will get the benefit of a
- 25 fixed-width easement. It won't cost our customers any

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 1 more to build the line, and we will avoid the risk of a
- 2 potential adverse ruling in a condemnation proceeding."
- Which, by the way, that proceeding is going to have
- 4 legal expenses and expert fees and take time.
- 5 So I don't know if that is what you were
- 6 asking about, Mr. Clark, but those were the numbers, and
- 7 that's where they are found is in that exhibit in the
- 8 testimony.
- 9 MR. CLARK: That's really helpful, Mr. Moscon,
- 10 and then -- and it's 80 percent of what I am trying to
- 11 get straight. And then if we look at Exhibit CBA3.
- MR. BERG: And I had kind of the same question
- 13 along this line. If I -- let me know if this is what
- 14 you are asking here. Under Route A, the cost is
- 15 1,390,000. Under Route 2C, it's 2,350,000. The
- 16 difference between those two would be 960,000.
- 17 And they are saying plus or minus 50 percent.
- 18 So that would take you to about 470,000. Yet their
- 19 contract is only for 275,000. So what happened to the
- 20 other 200,000? Was that just a huge -- is that what you
- 21 are getting at, I guess?
- MR. CLARK: Well, I would have phrased it a
- 23 little differently, but I'd like to understand exactly
- 24 how those numbers relate to the explanation that
- 25 Mr. Moscon has just given.

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                            I don't know that the CBA-3 that
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               MR. MOSCON:
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     you are looking at, which I'm quessing was a very rough
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     estimate put together some years ago, corresponds with
     what the cost turned into at the -- you know, fast
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     forward several years when the contract was actually
             So I am happy, because I recognize I am now
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     going beyond what you actually heard. So if you want
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     to -- you tell me if you want me to put someone on the
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     stand.
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               My understanding is that when we actually got
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     down to going down that path and figuring out what
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     actual costs were, and you are mitigating this cost here
     and that cost there, but you are adding this one there,
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     that that's where the number kind of came from and
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     arose. But so that was the cost that the company felt,
     if they paid that incremental cost, that essentially
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     made the rate payers kind of whole or even but --
               MR. CLARK: From my perspective, if there is a
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     witness that can put those, the Route A, Route C2
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     numbers, put that differential sort of in context with
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     the $275,000 differential that you described, that's --
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     that would be helpful.
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               MR. MOSCON: I think the closest we've got
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     here is Mr. Ambrose, so let's see how far he can get us.
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               MR. CLARK:
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Page 85 MR. MOSCON: If the board would like, we can 1 2 recall Mr. Ambrose. 3 MR. LEVAR: Yes. Why don't we do that. You are still under oath. 4 5 THE WITNESS: I'll do my best. 6 CHAD BURTON AMBROSE, Recalled as a witness at the instance of the petitioner, 8 having been previously duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows: 9 10 FURTHER EXAMINATION BY MR. MOSCON: 11 12 So Mr. Ambrose, if you could turn in your binder to your copy of Exhibit CBA-3, and I believe you 13 heard the discussion. And the question is, if you can 14 15 explain for the board -- maybe I'll just phrase it this 16 way. 17 How did the company come up with the number that it did to say, Promontory, you need to -- this is 18 19 the dollar amount you need to pay us if we are going to 20 agree to reroute the line? I'll do my best. The negotiations with 21 22 Promontory were significant. There were multiple 23 meetings that occurred with Promontory, and the 24 objective of CBA-3, as you see there, is to demonstrate 25 that the company looked at multiple options. It didn't

Page 86 1 just look at the boundary route. It didn't just look at 2 the existing alignment. It looked at multiple options. 3 And through that process, as you can imagine, when we work with our customers and as we work with our 4 5 property owners, specifically those that are requesting that the line be relocated, which it happens, we will go 6 through different options. We will perform block 8 estimates to get a general idea of what those costs would look like. 9 10 So the version that you see, CBA-3, was an 11 early version in the negotiations with Promontory that 12 allowed us to get an idea of what those costs were. you are exactly right. The delta between the blue line 13 14 and the red line is by far more than \$275,000. 15 We subsequently performed greater or tighter cost estimates on the project, as we realized that 16 17 Promontory was in fact, No. 1, willing to provide the easements for Rocky Mountain Power. And they did that, 18 and that is part of their cost. That is part of their 19 20 There was a credit given to them for the existing cost. versus the new, but that incremental cost was theirs to 21 22 bear to provide the easement in addition to the 23 incremental costs for the project. As we got close to December of 2010 when this 24 25 agreement was signed, which I believe was the date, we

- Page 87 looked at our existing alignment. It remained at 1.3
- 2 million, and I've got a sheet here. I can make copies
- 3 and give them to you. But the boundary route, which is
- 4 the other colored line, in essence settled down to about
- 5 1.66 million dollars. So the delta there was about
- 6 \$320,000.
- 7 So as we got closer on the negotiation, we
- 8 refined our estimate. We put the boots on the ground.
- 9 We counted poles and we did all the schematics. We
- 10 surveyed, and we were able to come much closer to what
- 11 the real project cost would look like. As we look at
- 12 the value of the easements, as we look at that \$320,000
- delta, we settled at the 275,000.
- Now, we believe that as a company it makes our
- 15 customers whole. We are foregoing the potential costs
- of one and a half million dollars of trying to secure
- 17 that additional easement along the existing right of
- 18 way. We believe that through that negotiation, through
- 19 that independent process of evaluating the reroute, that
- 20 we are saving our customers significant money through
- 21 doing this. Does that help?
- MR. CLARK: Thanks. I appreciate the
- 23 elaboration. It does help me.
- MR. LEVAR: While we have you on the stand,
- 25 Mr. Ambrose, any other board members with further

Page 88 clarifications or questions? 1 2 MR. WHITE: I just want to make -- sorry, 3 Chair. Just so I am clear, I am not sure I phrased this question earlier. Sorry about that. There is a current 4 5 permit that would allow a 138 KV double circuit line on the existing 46. In other words, is there a permit from 6 Summit County for the blue line from 138? 8 THE WITNESS: Great clarification. Let me 9 grab the blue line here. 10 MR. WHITE: And the reason I guess partially why I am asking that is, I am just kind of playing 11 12 through the scenarios. If Summit County were to say, no, you can't have a conditional use permit and then you 13 go to -- and if Wasatch County says no, I guess I am 14 15 just trying to think of, what's the plan C? THE WITNESS: Let me clarify that. 16 I am glad 17 you brought up that because we don't want you to think that we have a conditional use permit for the blue line. 18 So we have a conditional use permit that was given to 19 20 Rocky Mountain Power a couple months ago by the Eastern Summit County planning commission for the red line. So 21 22 the portion of the red line that is in Summit County, 23 that is what we have permitted. We are in essence in an island with Wasatch County that is not permitted. 24 25 MR. WHITE: So going back to the, yeah, so

Page 89 going back to -- if the board were to, I guess, deny 1 2 your request and you were back to -- I don't know if you want to call it plan A or plan B at this point, and you 3 were forced to go on the blue line for 138 double 4 5 circuit, in addition to the condemnation and the litigation, etc., would you still be in a position where 6 you were asking for some type of conditional right or 8 permit from Summit County for that? 9 THE WITNESS: That is correct. Yes, we would. 10 That's what I mean by, that's that enhanced permitting 11 risk. 12 MR. WHITE: And if they say no and Wasatch 13 County says no, what is your plan C? 14 THE WITNESS: It's really difficult, really 15 difficult question to answer. I think our plan would be, in order to get the line in, it's -- as we have 16 17 addressed, it's significant cost. No. 1, we would have to condemn at Promontory, and we would have to reapply, 18 and that reapplication would be a year delay with Summit 19 20 County, would be an additional year delay. 21 MR. WHITE: I appreciate the clarification. 22 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 23 MR. LEVAR: Anything else from board members? Chairman, on this issue, Wasatch 24 MR. BERG: 25 County has concern that in our discovery requests we had

Page 90 requested correspondence between Rocky Mountain Power 1 2 and Promontory in coming up with the negotiation or 3 coming up with the agreement. We were simply told, "Well, this is beyond the scope. You will get what you 4 5 get with our prefiled testimony." We received information with prefiled 6 testimony. Upon reviewing that, an informal additional 8 discovery request was made. Some of that was granted. One of the items requested was the missing page from the 9 10 construction relocation agreement, which now they are referring to saying that there is condemnation. 11 12 Until today, this is the first time Wasatch County has ever heard that there would be condemnation 13 14 proceedings on the blue line. We have never heard that, 15 so now we are getting information that there's possible condemnation proceedings. And we have never heard that 16 before. 17 I am not prepared to really address that or 18 even look at that or look at -- I have not looked at 19 20 Rocky Mountain Power's ability to do condemnation proceedings, what that would require. If we had 21 22 received that information, then I would have been 23 prepared on that. But unfortunately, I am not simply because of that. 24 25 In addition, I think we have been talking

Page 91 about the blue line and what the requirements are. 1 2 think maybe it was misstated in the prior testimony, and maybe simply Promontory is saying that we think you only 3 get 100 -- 46 K volt, KV line. You want to upgrade it. 4 Your easement doesn't allow for that. 5 But I think that -- and I guess maybe this 6 would be a question for Mr. Ambrose. That's why I 8 wanted to bring it up. In Wasatch County's memorandum in opposition, Exhibit A, we did provide a copy of that 9 10 Promontory easement. And nowhere, anywhere in there represents that it's a 46 KV line, which I think was 11 12 represented. 13 I don't know if that was a simply a 14 misstatement on that and that was Rocky Mountain -- not 15 Rocky Mountain, Promontory's opinion on it. I guess maybe for clarification. 16 17 THE WITNESS: Happy to clarify. So Promontory is very clear that the existing easement does not treat 18 a double circuit 138, 46 KV on the other side. 19 20 easement does in fact not say that. It does in fact not say that that easement grants Rocky Mountain Power the 21 22 right to expand with a 138 double circuit. It does not 23 do that. 24 That is Promontory's interpretation, and that

is where they hold their ground on the fact that if we

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Page 92 1 were to go and secure an improved or fixed-width 2 easement to be able to accommodate the 138, 46 K, that that would be the contention, and the line would need 3 condemnation. 4 5 MR. BERG: But that's not necessarily Rocky Mountain Power's view of what that current easement is. 6 7 THE WITNESS: I am going to defer to my legal 8 on that, because Matt, I believe you had a clarification 9 you wanted to make. Is that correct? 10 MR. MOSCON: Well, again, I think this is the same thing. As far as legal conclusions, this is --11 12 this witness is not in a position to do that. already, I think, indicated the company's position that 13 14 Promontory indicated that would be their fight. 15 And I was prepared -- the reason I hadn't brought it up earlier is, I was prepared, as requested 16 17 earlier, in my closing remarks to identify under what circumstances and why it would be in a condemnation 18 litigation. So I plan on addressing that rather than 19 20 having our witness address it. MR. BERG: And I am fine with the witness not 21 22 addressing it. I guess Wasatch County's motion is 23 simply that we strike any reference to condemnation proceedings. We've had absolutely no notice that that 24 25 would even be a requirement at this point. And in fact

- Page 93 that specific page, the second to the last page of that
- 2 contract, was not there. We made a request for that,
- 3 and we were told that it would be forthcoming. And we
- 4 never received it.

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- If I had received it, I would be prepared to
- 6 address that issue today. But because we didn't receive
- 7 it, Wasatch County requests that any reference to
- 8 additional cost for a condemnation proceeding or any
- 9 consideration for that not be allowed today.
- 10 MR. LEVAR: Okay. I'll just restate what I
- 11 see is the motion. We have a motion to strike
- 12 Mr. Ambrose's references to condemnation issues. I'll
- 13 go to Mr. Moscon. This is an unusual issue though,
- 14 because the testimony came in response to board
- 15 questions, I think, rather than part of his prefiled
- 16 testimony. So I'll let you -- what your thoughts on the
- 17 motion.
- MR. MOSCON: Sure. And I guess I am a little
- 19 confused by the confusion. A couple of points. No. 1,
- 20 there was a point about, we have never received a
- 21 missing page. It is true that, as indicated, we
- 22 indicated, trying to be helpful to the county, that they
- 23 were welcome to just ask us if they wanted information.
- 24 Didn't have to file a thing, and we would just get it to
- 25 them.

Page 94 1 In that context, there was a request for this document, the contract. It was sent over. Mr. Berg 2 3 indicated there was a missing page. We said, "Absolutely, you can get it. Here, we will send it over 4 5 to you." And until we arrived today, I didn't realize they never had it. There was never any motion to, you 6 know, compel or any other notice that said, "Hey, we still don't have this missing page." 8 And while we were here, live in the hearing 9 10 room when I pointed it out was the first time I realized 11 that this page was missing. As indicated, Mr. Berg 12 earlier, we have already sent for a runner to get the missing page to provide. And on cue, we now have them 13 14 that we can provide to all parties because there's not 15 been any kind of attempt to hide that one page that 16 reserves --17 (Inaudible and court reporter asked for clarification.) 18 MR. MOSCON: I can't even remember what I was 19 20 saying. I'm saying, there's been no attempt to keep this information from the county. But more germane to 21 22 the objection made on condemnation, the thing that I am, 23 I guess, more puzzled by is, that has most definitely been brought up, not only prior to this board 24 25 proceeding.

1	Page 95 But it I mean, I am looking right here in
2	Mr. Ambrose's prefiled testimony, which has already been
3	admitted, where this is on page 8, lines 5 down where
4	he is talking about, given the prospect of pursuing
5	lengthy and costly litigation to enforce the existing
6	easement rights, as well as the fact that Promontory is
7	willing to grant fixed-width easements along Wasatch
8	segment, so on and so forth.
9	So I think the company has been telling the
10	story that one of the reasons why it did what it did is
11	because it knew it was going to be in litigation. If it
12	didn't. Now, it's true he didn't use the phrase
13	"condemnation." But he said, we knew we were going to
14	have to be in litigation with them.
15	Furthermore, in our in our legal terms, in
16	our memorandum, we pointed out in our initial memo and
17	in our reply memo I am now looking at page 9 where we
18	talked about the fact that Promontory has contested the
19	sufficiency of the existing center line easement. That
20	was in our very first filing that we had with the
21	company, or excuse me, with the board when it started.
22	And we were referred to it again in our reply.
23	So our first memo on page 16 and our reply
24	memo on page 9, so our very first and our very last
25	filing with the board, we have taken the position that

Page 96 one of the reasons we are here, one of the reasons we 1 2 have done this, is the company was put in a position 3 where it would be risking the outcome of litigation with Promontory, which could expose its customers to 4 5 significant costs and time delays. And as Mr. -- Board Member White has pointed 6 out, and then what happens if Summit County doesn't want 8 an upgraded line there? They won't permit it because 9 they have an angry land owner, and we are right back 10 here. So to say that there's a motion to strike the word "condemnation," I would oppose and say, this has 11 12 been on the table from the very first filing. MR. LEVAR: Thank you, Mr. Moscon. Mr. Berg, 13 14 do you have anything further you want to say on your 15 motion? Nothing further at this point. 16 MR. BERG: 17 just -- we didn't have anything. I guess, one of the big things is that additional page, and it might be 18 19 irrelevant. I mean, the document, that page might not 20 have any bearing. I still haven't until right now --21 THE WITNESS: Can we read that page? 22 MR. BERG: I'd rather not read it in until I 23 have had a chance to review it. 24 THE WITNESS: Okay. MR. LEVAR: I think this motion to strike is 25

Page 97 probably appropriate for me to take to the board, to the 1 2 membership of the board, and then I guess my -following that, not knowing how we are going to deal 3 with that motion, we probably need to ask Mr. Berg if 4 5 you want time to look at this missing page before we move into the legal argument portion of the hearing. 6 So I'll set that question to the side, aside, but I'll come back to the board if there's any 8 discussion or questions for the board regarding 9 10 Mr. Berg's motion to strike portions of Mr. Ambrose's testimony this morning. Are there any questions from 11 12 board members regarding the motion or comments or discussion from board members? I think this is probably 13 14 a motion that's appropriate for the entire board to act 15 on. I'd just like a minute or two to 16 MR. CLARK: 17 look at the new page that we have just been given, and if somebody would identify what it -- describe it for 18 the record, I think that would be helpful. 19 20 MR. MOSCON: Sure, and I'll note that in 21 giving deference to the county, I recognize what 22 happened is, earlier I had moved to be allowed to 23 substitute the document that you were just handed in place of the exhibit. If you would turn in this 24 25 document to, oh, approximately three or four pages from

Page 98 the back, there is a signature block, right above 1 2 Section 6, integration. That page we had before, and if you turn right 3 before it, the page that had -- starts 5.8 and ends in 4 5 5.12, that was the missing page. And the operative language that we have been talking about is that 5.12 6 where we had half of it, but we didn't have all of it. 8 And that's the thing that says that if this doesn't happen, if the company doesn't get its permit 9 10 and, you know, to build a line at the new location, what you refer to as the red line, then in that event, either 11 12 party or both parties is free to assert any and all rights, claims and defenses that were otherwise 13 14 available to them, notwithstanding entering into this 15 agreement. And that's where I was saying, meaning that's 16 17 where Promontory had said, if this doesn't go forward, we get all of our claims and defenses that -- about 18 whether or not you are free to build your 138 double 19 20 circuit line where you currently have a 46 KV single circuit line, and so that is the document. 21 22 So I realize -- I apologize, Chairman, I know 23 you have a couple of competing motions. I had moved to substitute this to be the complete exhibit in place of 24 25 what is currently attached to the doc -- to the record,

HEARING DOCKET NO. 16-035-09 - 05/10/2016 Page 99 and then we still have the county's motion to strike all 1 2 reference to condemnation. So I'll let you proceed in whatever order you think makes sense. 3 MR. LEVAR: I think we should deal with the 4 motion to strike first. 5 MR. BERG: And I think at this point, having 6 just reviewed this minutes ago, I had no idea what was 8 on the page. I had no idea what the information was, and so I didn't know if what he was testifying had any 9 10 relevance to it or not or if he was testifying about something that I had -- I had no idea. And so that was 11

- 13 The remedies and the termination are typical
- 14 portion of really almost any legal agreement between parties such as this, where they are saying, "Hey, even
- if, for whatever reason, one of us gets to terminate, no 16
- 17 one loses any of their prior arguments that they had
- before." And I don't know that, having read it, that 18
- it's sufficient for a motion to strike. 19

the basis for the motion to strike.

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- 20 And I think it's been noted that it was just
- concerning that we started making reference to documents 21
- 22 that I know I had requested, hadn't received through
- 23 whatever error. I am not saying there was any fault or
- attempt by Rocky Mountain Power to hide the ball or do 24
- 25 anything like that. I am not suggesting that

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- 1 whatsoever. It was simply, I had no idea what the page
- 2 said. So I would withdraw the motion to strike at this
- 3 point, having reviewed that.
- 4 MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. So then we have
- 5 a motion to enter into evidence this version of the
- 6 agreement with the missing page. Any objection to that
- 7 motion?
- 8 MR. BERG: No, your Honor. And I keep
- 9 referring to you as your Honor. That's old habit. I
- 10 apologize, Chairman.
- 11 MR. LEVAR: Sure. Whatever you want.
- 12 Whatever you want to call me is fine.
- 13 MR. BERG: It will all be good, I promise
- 14 that.
- 15 MR. LEVAR: That will be entered into
- 16 evidence, so thank you. So I think we're finished with
- 17 Mr. Ambrose on the stand, I think, unless -- I'll look
- 18 at the board members. Anything else further for him?
- 19 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Ambrose.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 21 MR. LEVAR: And I think we are ready to move
- 22 on to legal arguments. Probably make sense to go with
- 23 petitioner first and then with the county, and I think
- 24 we'll just let you take a reasonable amount of time. We
- 25 have the briefs. If you want to take some time to

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- 1 highlights briefs and just kind of move into board
- 2 questions, if any board members want to jump in with
- 3 questions, I think do this as a panel is probably
- 4 the most efficient way to move forward.
- 5 So we'll go to you, Mr. Moscon. Oh,
- 6 Mr. Clark.
- 7 MR. CLARK: Pardon me. I apologize for being
- 8 tedious about this, but we still have then the
- 9 expectation that we will hear something about what the
- 10 nature, cost, duration of the potential contention
- 11 between Promontory and the company would have been or,
- 12 you know, the cause of action, whatever that would have
- 13 amounted to. Is that still in your planning?
- 14 MR. MOSCON: Sure, and I'll indicate that
- 15 during the break Mr. Berg and I conferred because we
- 16 recognized there was kind of a request to make a
- 17 joint --
- 18 MR. CLARK: Something.
- MR. MOSCON: -- agreed-upon thing, and maybe
- 20 I'll just state this, if this answers your question.
- 21 And if Mr. Berg wants to agree or disagree. There is,
- 22 just so we're clear -- no condemnation action has been
- 23 filed or brought by the company. The company made its
- 24 decision in part recognizing that it may be in a
- 25 position where it is in condemnation if it went forward.

1	Page 102 Now, one of the things that's already been
2	highlighted, the actual easement, which it's probably in
3	various places, but because I have it here as Exhibit A
4	to the county's memorandum in opposition. It speaks in
5	terms of a single line of towers. And we know as a
6	matter of undisputed fact that this had been
7	historically a 46 KV line.
8	Promontory had taken the position that this
9	type of easement, which is not a fixed-width easement;
10	it does not specify the actual use is limited to the
11	historic use, meaning if you have been using it this
12	is what you have been using this easement. And because
13	it doesn't call out a wider 138, nor does it call out
14	double circuit, that if you are going to build a bigger,
15	wider tower here, you are expanding the easement, and
16	you cannot do that.
17	The company, I should tell you, does not
18	necessarily agree with that. And the company, just so
19	we're clear, is not here saying to the board, "Hey, we
20	can't put a 138 KV line where there used to be a 46 KV
21	line." But what the company is telling the board is,
22	this landowner was not going to give the company
23	permission to put the 138 double circuit line where the
24	company had the 46 KV line.
25	So they would say, "You are not welcome to

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1 bring your bull dozers or tractors or equipment here, 2 and we will fight you, and we will see you in court." 3 At which point the company had to weigh two things. The company had to say, they are willing to 4 5 give us a fixed-width easement for the new upgraded line, still on their property, not moving it to someone 6 else's property. And they are willing to pay whatever 8 the incremental cost is to, you know, add towers and 9 poles if we cooperate with them. 10 Moreover, our tariff tells us that we should, as a standard practice, cooperate with property owners 11 12 and move fixtures on their property if they are willing to pay incremental costs. On the other hand, let's --13 14 if they -- if we don't do that and we go to a legal 15 battle, we may win. We may convince a court that you are not -- you don't have to condemn, that you can build 16 17 a 138 KV line here. But the company has to concede this very old 18 easement is less than crystal clear, and there is risk 19 20 there. There is risk of, what are the costs of that 21 litigation? What is the duration of that litigation? 22 And how much money would the company's customers be 23 exposed to if that litigation went against it and a court said, "Sorry, company. We looked at your old 24 25 easement, but we do think you are expanding the historic

Page 104 We don't think you had permission to do that. 1 use. You 2 are going to pay for the extra width that you have 3 taken, including severance damage." 4 And that's the testimony you heard from 5 Mr. Ambrose about that, I think that number was approximately \$1.5 million just on the severance piece, 6 to Board Member Holbrook's point, in 2010 values, 8 compared to them cooperatively giving them an easement sufficient for this line. 9 10 Based on that, it was the company's standard practice -- this is not just an unusual thing here for 11 12 Promontory. This is standard practice to say, if we have a property owner who is going to give us, without 13 14 fighting, use of their property for our facility, and 15 they are going to pay any incremental costs to put it where on their property they want, rather than where the 16 17 straight line as the crow flies kind of would be, and we avoid the costs of litigation, the time of litigation, 18 and the potential risk of litigation, that is absolutely 19

know, make the line less safe or reliable.

what we will do every time, so long as it doesn't, you

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Page 105 take because it hasn't been filed. But what I can tell 1 2 you is, those are essentially the arguments that would 3 be made and the risks that the company and its customers would be exposed to is that the -- that Promontory would 4 5 be fighting them saying, you don't have a sufficient easement for this project. We are going to fight it and 6 say that you can't have it. 8 And we get back to the need point. One of the 9 arguments that I anticipate we are going to hear from 10 the county, because it's in their papers, is, you don't need this. The need isn't satisfied because you can put 11 12 it somewhere else. Keep in mind, that is the same thing a utility has to show to condemn. To condemn property, 13 14 a utility has to show we need property. 15 All Wasatch has to do is show up and say, "Hey, they don't need this alignment because they will 16 17 give them that property over there. They don't need -they can't condemn this. They don't need it because I 18 am giving them property right over there." 19 20 So the company gets put in this box where it's 21 got the county, Wasatch County, saying, "You don't need 22 this permit because we like the line better over there 23 where you have it." And then it has that property owner saying, "I am going to fight you, and I am going to give 24 25 you property over here. And if you try and condemn, I

Page 106 can say always say, you don't need to condemn because I 1 2 am going to give you property over there." It has the risk that Board Member White 3 pointed out where here we have a very angry property 4 5 owner, Black Rock, that has gone to the county and said, "We can't have this. We can't have this." And the 6 county, understandably, has tried to protect the 8 interests of its constituents. That is completely 9 reasonable. 10 It's also completely reasonable to expect that same process could play out in Summit County, as Board 11 12 Member White was reflecting on when he was talking to Mr. Ambrose, that says: If we don't do this and we put 13 14 you back at square one, is there any certainty that this 15 same board won't be reconvened in a year because Summit County won't give you a permit to build a 138 KV line 16 17 right here where the blue line is, as you call it, where the 46 KV line is. And the answer to that is, you are 18 19 right. There is no assurance. That could happen. 20 So that is essentially the process that 21 brought the company to where we are now where they 22 found, we have a willing property owner who is going to 23 give us the easement that we need. 24 The company understands that Wasatch County 25 doesn't like this line. The reality is, this is a 67

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plus mile line, and only one quarter of a mile of it is 1 2 in Wasatch County. They and Heber Power and Light are one of the main beneficiaries of this line, but only .26 3 of a mile will actually cut across the corner of the 4 5 county. And yet, that is not something that the county is willing at this point to agree to. And hence, we are 6 here litigating the case that we are. 8 I am kind of meandering past your question into my closing, so I don't know, Chair, if you want me 9 10 to keep going or stop. It seems like --11 MR. CLARK: No, I think you are well into your 12 argument, and you have addressed my issue, and so I appreciate it. 13 14 I will -- I suppose I'll just MR. MOSCON: even make it more brief. Because I -- by the way, the 15 company appreciates the time and preparedness of the 16 board because -- and it's a little unusual because as we 17 proceeded today and we have had so many motions on 18 19 discovery, what's germane, what's relevant, who should 20 or shouldn't be a party. So I kind of feel like the board's heard my 21 22 arguments at least three or four times more than you 23 would like to hear them. So I won't try and belabor it too much. I honestly think the single best recitation 24 of what the issue is before the board actually comes 25

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from, whoever I give credit to, that wrote the most 1 2 recent order of the board on the Black Rock intervention 3 issue. 4 The board says this. "The single question for 5 the board, as dictated by the act, is whether the proposed facility is needed to provide safe, reliable, 6 adequate and efficient service to the customers of the 8 public utility." 9 That is the single question that we are here 10 for today. That has been unrefuted all along. testimony of Mr. Shortt is unrefuted that the company 11 12 needs this upgrade. This is unrefuted by anyone. 13 The testimony of Mr. Watts and of Mr. Ambrose 14 is unrefuted that standard procedure, standard practice 15 for the utility in this set of circumstances where you have competing interests of counties, property owners, 16 17 different counties, different property owners, is to do what the company did in this circumstance, which is to 18 work with the property owner who is going to be bearing 19 20 the burden of this infrastructure on their property, have them pay the incremental cost, and to locate it on 21 22 the property where they will grant an easement to avoid 23 the risk to the customers of the company of potentially an extremely much more expensive segment for this line 24 25 and huge delay.

1	One of the problems the company faces, of
2	course, is delay. How long does an appeal last? How
3	long does a trial last on whether the company can
4	forcibly condemn or not? The company doesn't know that,
5	but what it does know is that this facility is needed
6	now for its customers.
7	And when it has a willing property owner,
8	where it won't have to litigate, and it knows, in the
9	worst case scenario we'll have to go to the board, but
10	we know that that board has a very truncated and
11	abbreviated schedule. That is the fastest, i.e., most
12	efficient thing to do in the parlance of the statute on
13	behalf of the customers of the company, which is exactly
14	why the company is here.
15	I won't belabor, but I'll highlight for the
16	board the in our reply memorandum the numerous cases
17	that we have cited that have said to these have been
18	Supreme Courts of Utah and other states. This issue has
19	come up repeatedly where someone says and it may be
20	in a condemnation proceeding. You don't need this here
21	because you can put it there, and people on both sides
22	of the aisle want to push back.
23	Mr. Watts pointed out the fact that the
24	farther away from Black Rock the lines go up the hill,
25	the more the ridge line is breached that the county

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1	doesn't like. And the farther down they come off the
2	hill to get away from the ridge line, the closer they
3	are to the buildings or the structures of Black Rock.
4	And you can't ever get to a place where you
5	allow everybody to say, "Well, you can't put it here
6	because I think you can put it there." Ultimately what
7	the cases tell this board, what the Utah Supreme Court
8	has said with respect to utilities, is that the utility,
9	the one that has the engineers, the one that owns and
10	operates the system, needs to use its reasonable efforts
11	to identify a suitable location.
12	And unless they have completely abused their
13	discretion, that choice, that selection will not be
14	disturbed by the courts. Because it's their they are
15	the ones running it. We are not in a position of siting
16	infrastructure. When I say we, judges, board members,
17	what have you, tribunals. That's not what we do for our
18	daily jobs. That is what the power company does.
19	So unless there's evidence that there has been
20	a complete abuse of discretion, the company's selection
21	for a location of a facility, that discretion is going
22	to stay with the company.
23	Those cases have been unrefuted. The only
24	argument again is whether it is quote, unquote, needed.
25	I believe the board has heard repeatedly why the company

- 1 felt it needed to work cooperatively with Promontory to
- 2 get this easement, to get this process finished to
- 3 provide the power to the load area. Unless the board
- 4 has other questions, I feel like you have probably heard
- 5 enough of my argument.
- 6 MR. LEVAR: I have one question, Mr. Moscon.
- 7 With this line of condemnation cases, these cases apply
- 8 not just to political subdivisions with elected
- 9 officials, but they apply to Rocky Mountain Power and
- 10 other utilities, right? Am I correct in that
- 11 assumption?
- MR. MOSCON: If I understand your question,
- 13 yeah. If this case law that we have cited in our brief,
- 14 that applies to utilities?
- 15 MR. LEVAR: Yes.
- MR. MOSCON: Yes.
- 17 MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. Other questions
- 18 from board members for Mr. Moscon? No. Okay. Thank
- 19 you. Mr. Berg.
- MR. BERG: And I know the board, again, has
- 21 already read our memorandum in opposition. They know
- 22 Wasatch County's position on this. As you look at the
- 23 requirements of the statute, which Mr. Moscon has
- 24 already reviewed, the subsection D of 54-14-303 says, "A
- 25 local government has prohibited construction of a

- 1 facility which is needed to provide safe, reliable,
- 2 adequate and efficient service to its -- to the
- 3 customers of the public utility."
- I don't think there's any question that
- 5 Wasatch County had prohibited this. And I know it's not
- 6 in the purview of the board to go into the details as to
- 7 ridge line violations or conditional use permits or
- 8 anything like that. But needless to say, it has been
- 9 prohibited.
- 10 And as Mr. Moscon indicated, where the power
- line crosses over the ridge line and there is the ridge
- 12 line ordinance, where it comes within a certain location
- of Black Rock Ridge's community, which is already there,
- is already built; there are already homes existing;
- 15 there are already individuals living there, as the
- 16 county looked at that, there was no way that they could
- 17 grant the required conditional use permit.
- 18 But those issues aren't before the board
- 19 today. What's before the board is simply what we have
- 20 been talking about is, if this is needed to provide
- 21 safe, reliable, adequate, efficient service.
- 22 As we heard from Mr. Shortt on
- 23 cross-examination, in looking at the red line and the
- 24 blue line on that exhibit, 20 poles versus 15 poles is
- 25 safer, as well as it's more reliable statistically. And

Page 113 I think that's important for the board to consider, when 1 2 they look at it, that they are adding additional poles, that it doesn't increase the efficiency. It doesn't 3 make it more adequate. 4 5 He said that those two things were really essentially the same with those poles. So they are not 6 getting the benefit of added efficiency or more adequate 8 line. But they are getting -- even if it -- he says 9 statistically, the risk that it's not as safe as well, as it's not as reliable. 10 And even in his prefiled testimony, he talks 11 12 about technically, the line could go on the Wasatch County segment or technically it's feasible. But it's 13 14 also technically just as feasible from his standpoint to 15 keep at the blue line. So we're looking at the red line versus the blue line here. 16 17 And the county is not trying to say that this is a situation where, if Rocky Mountain Power had come 18 saying, "Hey, we need this conditional use permit, 19 20 simply" -- well, even in fact as they refer to the line going down the Mayflower issue. That wasn't something 21 22 where it was -- we have an existing easement. We have had it for over a hundred years, and we feel that we 23 could still keep the line there, even if the property 24

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owner is contesting it.

1	Page 114 This was a completely different scenario where
2	they said, "Hey, we need this," and Wasatch County
3	acknowledged, okay, we need this power. The homes in my
4	understanding of when that line was put in, those homes
5	built up to the line. That wasn't something where the
6	line was put in right in the back of someone's back
7	yard. But someone made the conscious decision in those
8	exhibits that were introduced there at the beginning as
9	supplemental exhibits, made the decision, I am fine with
10	moving my home that close. This is where I want to be.
11	I am fine with that power line.
12	This is a different situation where they are
13	asking for a conditional use permit that goes right next
14	to someone's home that's already there, when Promontory,
15	even if they have a master plan to do something, there
16	are no homes there. There is nothing there. There is
17	raw land there.
18	And is the board supposed to look at property
19	values? No. You are supposed to look and decide
20	whether it's reliable, safe, adequate and efficient.
21	And I think in this situation where they already have an
22	existing easement, that even based on Mr. Shortt's
23	testimony, it would be safer, even if it's a minor
24	degree safer. It would be more reliable, even if it's
25	just a minor degree more reliable.

1	Page 115 The county asks that the board deny the
2	petition and not issue a conditional use permit at this
3	time.
4	So I'm sorry. One further thing I just wanted
5	to clarify, and I think we had already talked about
6	this. Mr. Moscon talked about this. I apologize. It
7	seems like I am repeating. And I don't know if you had
8	actually read just the language we have in Exhibit A of
9	our reply, or our memorandum in opposition.
10	But looking at the easement that they have,
11	there is no reference whatsoever whether it's a 46 or a
12	138 or anything. It simply says there in that first
13	paragraph down on the 4th line starting, "The right to
14	erect, operate, and maintain electric power transmission
15	and telephone circuits and appurtenances attached to a
16	single line of towers."
17	And I think we have heard that Rocky Mountain
18	Power said that their position is they could keep it
19	there, but it's Promontory saying, "No, we're fighting
20	it." Promontory is the one saying, "No, we don't think
21	that it should be there." And I am not trying to I
22	hope I am not misstating Rocky Mountain Power's
23	position, but they feel like that easement is there.
24	Even in the appeal that Mr. Ambrose read that
25	small portion of, indicates as well that Rocky Mountain

1 Power feels that that easement is sufficient, a single 2 pole easement is sufficient to upgrade from a 46 volt line to 138 volt line. 3 And Wasatch County based on that, based on the 4 5 fact that it would be safer, even if it's a minor degree, according to Mr. Shortt, as well as more 6 reliable, that the fact that Rocky Mountain Power can 8 use that existing easement on Promontory's property, it takes away the need. It takes away the need to the 9 10 Wasatch County segment. Any questions from the board? 11 MR. LEVAR: I have one question for you, 12 Mr. Berg. Reading your legal brief, I think it's clear what your position is on the line of condemnation cases. 13 14 You have made your argument why the court cases that 15 define the term "needed" in the condemnation case should not apply to this statute. 16 17 What I want to clarify is, if we were to go the other way, and if this board were to adopt the case 18 law defining needed in the condemnation context and 19 20 apply it to the terms in this act, is it your position 21 that under that case law, there -- that Rocky Mountain 22 Power's choice of the red line over the blue line is 23 arbitrary and capricious? 24 MR. BERG: Well, I think at this point, 25 looking at whether or not it's arbitrary and capricious,

- 1 I guess it comes down to the fact that it's an agreement
- 2 from one landowner and how that affects the other
- 3 landowners. You are looking at Promontory as an
- 4 investor, and they want to do it for their benefit. And
- 5 is that going to be allowed to be a detriment to the
- 6 other adjoining landowners?
- 7 They are wanting to increase the value of
- 8 their property, and in doing so they are wanting to
- 9 decrease the value of -- or not wanting to. It's a -- I
- 10 am not saying that they are trying to do that, but it
- 11 has the potential of that effect on the current
- 12 landowners next to them, especially Black Rock Ridge, of
- 13 decreasing the value of those properties.
- 14 And does that meet the standard arbitrary and
- 15 capricious? I don't know that it -- that that does. I
- 16 haven't looked directly into that to look at it.
- 17 Wasatch County's position is that when you look at the
- 18 statute, if something's not defined in the statute, then
- 19 we need to go by the plain definition of the word. And
- 20 that's the position of the county that this line is not
- 21 needed as of that requirement.
- MR. LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. That's the only
- 23 question I have. I'll go to other board members.
- 24 Mr. White.
- 25 MR. WHITE: Just getting to your legal

Page 118 argument, it seems to be like the, kind of the crux of 1 2 -- you know, a lot of what we are thinking about here. 3 But help me understand. Tell me if I am mischaracterizing, is that the county's position that it 4 5 agreed -- it needed to provide, you know, X, Y, Z, blah blah. Are you reading that, that when the statute uses 6 the word construction of a facility, that it really 8 intended to say, would be impossible to do without? In other words, I mean without -- is that your 9 10 view that a particular location, not just the construction of the facility, but the construction of a 11 12 facility in a particular location would be impossible to do without? Is that -- help me understand if that's 13 14 what the county position is. 15 MR. BERG: I think that's what the county is looking at is because there's already the existing 16 17 agreement across Promontory's property, because it's a single line easement, doesn't say anything about the 18 width of the pole. Doesn't say anything about the 19 20 voltage of the line, whether it's a 46 or a 138, that because that's there, the Wasatch County segment is 21 22 really just -- it's a convenience for the landowner and 23 so it's not needed. 24 It's not needed to Rocky Mountain Power to 25 provide the safe, reliable, adequate and efficient

Page 119 service because they already have what they need to be 1 2 able to do that. If the Wasatch County segment is not granted a conditional use permit by this board, then 3 Rocky Mountain Power can still complete the line. 4 5 MR. WHITE: Thanks. MR. LEVAR: Is that all your questions? 6 MR. WHITE: That's it. 8 MR. LEVAR: Any other board questions? No. 9 Okav. Well, thank you. I think it's probably 10 appropriate to break and return for a deliberation meeting of the board. I think it's probably safe to say 11 12 that questions of counsel might be helpful during the deliberation session. 13 14 I am going to go to the board and see if 15 there's any need to have the witnesses present for deliberation, if anyone sees any need to have -- to 16 recall fact witnesses while we're deliberating. 17 put that question to other board members. 18 19 MR. WILSON: I don't think I would have any 20 questions. 21 MS. HOLBROOK: I don't know that we would need 22 that, given that Rocky Mountain Power has already 23 offered to -- any upgraded information would be considered financial. Would that be correct? From the 24 25 witnesses. And I don't see a need to do that so...

Page 120 1 MR. LEVAR: Okay. 2 MR. MOSCON: Yeah, Chair, I don't see a need to have the witnesses here. I mean, if they are here, 3 But to me counsel is probably sufficient. 4 fine. 5 MR. CLARK: I have already demonstrated a lack of my own understanding of when I'll need witnesses or 6 But I think I am generally in agreement that any questions I would have would best be directed to counsel 8 9 at this point. 10 MR. LEVAR: Okay. Anything else from the 11 parties then before we break and reconvene for 12 deliberation? 13 I just wanted to make one point MR. MOSCON: 14 because I feel like, after hearing Mr. Berg explain 15 something in your dialogue with him, I may have misunderstood a question that you had asked me, so I 16 wanted to clarify one thing. It goes to the point about 17 whether the term "need" as it is used in the 18 condemnation jurisprudence of this state, how applicable 19 that is to this situation. And I wanted to just make 20 this point. 21 22 It cannot be the law of Utah, nor would it, I 23 argue, it be good policy that the company gets more deference and is allowed to simply show that location 24 25 will do, it's suitable, it's not arbitrary, if the

- 1 company forcibly takes things. But if the company
- 2 cooperates with property owners, as it's required to do
- 3 under its tariff, and negotiates location with them,
- 4 that there is then a higher standard of need that they
- 5 would have to show to get the line approved because they
- 6 are not in a condemnation proceeding.
- I would simply say, that would make no sense
- 8 and would be bad policy. It should be flipped where the
- 9 policy should be to in fact encourage what the company
- 10 did here, which is to negotiate. So I stand by my
- 11 answer that, yes, need as defined in jurisprudence
- 12 should -- that same should apply here.
- But I don't know that I actually -- so it's
- 14 the same, yes. But the background I gave it was off
- 15 base, and I apologize for that.
- MR. LEVAR: Let me clarify my question and see
- if you want to say any more. The reason for my
- 18 question, we received a public comment statement
- 19 yesterday afternoon that made the argument that because
- 20 the condemnation cases apply to elected officials and
- 21 political subdivisions, it shouldn't be applied to this
- 22 situation.
- 23 And so I just wanted to clarify whether the
- 24 condemnation cases applied to utilities also, and I
- 25 think you have answered that question. And I don't know

Page 122 if that -- that public comment was received late 1 2 yesterday. I assume it's been posted to the website, and obviously, it's a public comment, not part of the 3 But that was the basis for my question. 4 record. 5 And so I think, having said that, I think you have answered the question I had. But if you wanted to 6 comment any further. 8 MR. MOSCON: No. I was going to say, I hadn't 9 seen whatever comment you were referring to. I know 10 there was just apparently one filed this morning that I haven't seen or read. So I don't know if it that's the 11 12 one that you are referring to. But if the question's answered, I'll leave it at that. 13 14 MR. LEVAR: And I am looking on the website, 15 and it looks like that comment is not yet posted, but I'll make sure it's posted to the website during the 16 17 break. It was just a public comment that was provided to the board yesterday afternoon. So but thank you. I 18 19 think you have answered my question. 20 Anything further from parties before the break and reconvene at one o'clock for deliberation? 21 22 MR. BERG: Nothing from Wasatch County. 23 MR. LEVAR: Thank you. We'll reconvene for deliberation hearing at one o'clock. 24 25 (Lunch recess from 12:01 p.m. to 1:04 p.m.)

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                           Okay. We're back on the record.
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               MR. LEVAR:
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     And I should have given a little more explanation before
     we broke before deliberation of why we took a break
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     instead of just continuing right in deliberation.
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               I forgot to mention that when we issued the
     notice of hearings in this docket, we said that
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     deliberation hearing would begin immediately following
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     the hearing. However, we also have to put it on the
    public notice website, and we took our best conservative
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     quess of what the earliest we might start deliberating
     for our public notice website, and we put one o'clock
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     p.m. there. So I should have given that explanation
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    before we broke instead of just continuing on.
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               But with that, we are into the deliberation
    portion of this hearing. And so that just begins with
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    board discussions. There may be questions for the
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     counsel, for the parties. But I will open the hearing
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     for deliberation discussions. While we all shuffle
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     uncomfortably hoping somebody else talks first. Go
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     ahead.
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               MR. CLARK: Far be it from me, Mr. Chairman.
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               MR. LEVAR: Go ahead.
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               MR. CLARK: Well, fools rush in, and I guess
     I'm going to rush in. I just, maybe to start the
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     discussion, I'll give my colleagues here a sense of what
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Page 124 1 I am thinking about at least. 2 And I don't think that the board, the board's consideration should be one of examining the question or 3 the issue from the perspective of, it's not needed here 4 5 because it can go over there. I don't think that's what the -- what need means in the statute. It's not -- I 6 think it would place the board in an untenable position 8 if we concluded that. To me really the central question has become, 9 10 is the company's plan, Rocky Mountain Power's plan and -- a reasonably efficient way to meet the 11 12 demonstrated need. And my tentative conclusion, at least, is that it is. 13 14 I certainly think it's unquestioned that it's 15 needed for reliability, that it's a safe approach, that it's adequate, but the question of efficiency has been 16 17 one that I have mulled over at some length. And based on the situation that the company 18 was in with respect to Promontory and the existing 19 20 easement and the issues there that it faced and Promontory's willingness to provide another easement on 21 22 Promontory's property, I think it was a reasonable thing 23 for the utility in this instance to address those uncertainties and risks in the way that it did. 24 25 So my inclination, at least as we begin our

deliberation, would be to -- would be to direct that the 1 2 facility be constructed as it's been proposed. 3 MR. LEVAR: I'll just briefly say, I think I am getting to the same place by a slightly different 4 5 path, but to the same place. My analysis would be based on whether the choice of the route was arbitrary, 6 capricious. 8 In my view legally I find that the analogy of the condemnation cases to be pretty strong here. 9 10 very similar statutory language, same policy issues. The courts have had lots of opportunities to evaluate 11 12 what's the right way to look at choices like this, the exact same kind of choices we're dealing with here. 13 14 And I think it makes a lot of sense for 15 purposes of defining the term "needed" to apply that case law from the condemnation cases, which leads me to 16 the legal question of, was the decision to choose the 17 red line arbitrary and capricious. And I don't think we 18 have a record that supports an arbitrary and capricious 19 20 finding. 21 And I also think that's supported by the statutory definition of facility. To me that's -- was 2.2 23 very significant as I was looking at the legal issues involved in the case. So that's how I am viewing it at 24 this point. Subject to further discussion. 25

1	Page 126 MR. WHITE: I guess from a general policy
2	perspective, I agree with some of the points that were
3	made, actually Black Rock's most recently filed public
4	comments. I am not in love with the idea of Rocky
5	Mountain Power being forced to choose between litigants
6	and for that choice to ultimately drive route design.
7	But based on what I have heard on the record and
8	testimony, it appears that customers need the line and
9	it has to go somewhere.
10	And the company appears, as mentioned by these
11	other board members, they appear to have made a reasoned
12	decision based upon the known risks at the time. But
13	ultimately I am not here to make policy. I am just
14	trying to apply the mandates that we have been given as
15	a board under the statute.
16	And I'll just read it again, the language,
17	that under Utah code 54-14-303, sub D, which essentially
18	says, "The task of the board is to determine if a local
19	governments has prohibited construction of a facility
20	which is needed to provide safe, reliable, adequate and
21	efficient service for the customers of the public
22	utility."
23	I haven't heard testimony refuting that. I
24	guess the testimony I have heard, and by testimony it's
25	more legal argument, is this notion that, again, as I

Page 127 alluded to earlier in a question to Mr. Berg, is, 1 2 essentially reading further into that language this concept of construction of a facility is really about 3 precise location. And it would be impossible to do it 4 5 without that precise location. And I don't believe based upon, you know, my 6 reading of the statute, I don't think legislators intended to add that additional concept into that 8 language. Because in reality, with enough money and the 9 10 type of creative engineering you would need, there really -- there's almost no location -- there's almost 11 12 no location for a transmission line that would be absolutely necessary. I can't conceive of a 13 14 possibility. I'm sure if you thought long enough, you 15 could. But to me that would ultimately put this board 16 17 into a box where you would get ping-ponged back and forth between local government entities trying to 18 articulate why that precise location was not 19 20 particular -- or absolutely necessary to a project. I think it's for that reason the legislature had that 21 22 language and did not expand beyond that. If they wanted 23 to, I guess, I suppose they could have. But ultimately what this board provides in my 24 25 opinion is a safety valve for local governments who are

Page 128 put in a position where they have to abide and listen to 1 2 the preferences of their local residents. Whereas, this 3 board is removed from that, and again, we are looking at the simple question of what is -- is a project needed 4 5 for -- to provide electric service to customers. 6 And again, I just -- I haven't heard testimony that opposes that. So I get where Wasatch County is 8 coming from. They have got their own residents to deal 9 with, and I recognize that. But I quess, again, if I 10 were to -- if I were to vote right now, I guess what I 11 would say is, I would vote to, you know, grant Rocky 12 Mountain Power's request because of those reasons, because of the strict legal interpretation and the fact 13 14 that I don't see that this project is not needed. 15 It's got to go somewhere. Again, I alluded to this with the hypothetical earlier, that one concern I 16 17 would have is that if we were to take this logic that Wasatch County provides for us to ultimate conclusion, 18 we could easily be back in the same situation with 19 20 Summit County saying the same thing if it hasn't been permitted yet. 21 22 And so ultimately, the buck's got to the stop 23 somewhere. And to me, that's why I would ultimately vote to grant the permit, or grant the request. Sorry 24 25 about that.

1	Page 129 MR. LEVAR: Ms. Holbrook?
2	MS. HOLBROOK: Thank you. So as a
3	representative of the Utah League of Cities and Towns on
4	this board, my perspective is slightly different. I do
5	understand inherently what the planning commissions, the
6	planning commissioners, and the county is looking at in
7	terms o what can they do to make sure that they are
8	representative of all of their residents and getting
9	them basically the best deal that they can.
10	And I also recognize that with growth and
11	everything else, that we have to have reliable service,
12	and we have to be able to make it in the most cost
13	effective fashion.
14	And my perspective is that I see this as, an
15	entity went to Rocky Mountain Power and said, "Here is
16	what we want." And it's still on their property. And
17	ultimately, they are bearing the costs for any of that.
18	And as I see that, to me that is probably the most
19	effective means of getting reliable, efficient service
20	to the residents.
21	As we all know, that there's going to be
22	continued growth this area, and as far as infrastructure
23	investment, which I sat on a planning commission for
24	seven years, and I understand that we have to be able to
25	provide our residents with the things that they require.

Page 130 We do a lot of things differently now. 1 We run 2 our businesses out of our homes. We do a lot of different things, and so from that perspective, in 3 addition to what other board members have already 4 5 stated, I believe that I would be in a position of 6 granting the request. MR. WILSON: I could say ditto, but I want to 8 explain. I am the representative from the UAC, the Utah Association of Counties, so Mr. Berg may not talk to me 9 10 if he sees me at a conference in the future. But I have likened this in my own mind to try 11 12 and decide facilities within a county, whether it be a jail, a solid waste facility or anything. Nobody is 13 14 happy. We all are familiar with the term, NIMBY 15 project. Not in my back yard. I have been persuaded. 16 I started out, as I 17 initially read things, that I would not be prone to grant Rocky Mountain Power's request. But I always back 18 up and say, what is the big picture here? And is this a 19 20 common sense approach? 21 Having gone through condemnation proceedings 22 in my capacity in the county before and threatening 23 those, I recognize there is a real cost if they were to push them there, whether they won or not. 24 That cost 25 would be borne by rate payers in the end, and indeed,

1	Promontory may be successful in arguing that that's an
2	expanded route.
3	I have worked with Utah Power, Rocky Mountain
4	Power now, on relocating lines when we expand roads and
5	such, and it's always difficult. But they have been
6	conducive to trying to work with local governments and
7	property owners in attempting to do that when the
8	property owner's willing to pay the cost.
9	I think Wasatch County's definition of needed
10	may be too narrow. I think everyone would agree, and I
11	think there was something in one of the planning
12	commissions or the board of adjustment where it was
13	acknowledged that an upgrade is needed.
14	And Wasatch County would like to interpret
15	that as associated with a particular route. I
16	understand those arguments. Nevertheless, in my
17	opinion, the project is needed for service. All of us
18	hate it when our electrical service is interrupted.
19	And Mr. Berg, Wasatch County acknowledged they
20	have denied it or prohibited the thing from going
21	forward, so it throws it into this board's court. And I
22	am the neophyte here. But in the end, to me the common
23	sense approach in looking at the criteria the
24	legislature has set forth, and I think that could be
25	enhanced and helpful if this board meets again. I know

Page 132 they haven't met very frequently. But I think some 1 2 improvements in definitions could be helpful. Nevertheless, if I were to vote now, I would 3 4 vote to grant Rocky Mountain Power's request. 5 all I have, Mr. Chair. MR. LEVAR: Okay. Any further discussion or 6 motions? 8 MS. HOLBROOK: Mr. Chair, I have a question. 9 MR. LEVAR: Sure. 10 MS. HOLBROOK: In this proceeding, because we 11 can only discuss this in a public setting, I just had a 12 question in terms of logistics. From a practical perspective, we are just simply either granting or not, 13 14 and we are not making any issues on options or locations 15 or anything else. Is that correct? Is my understanding 16 correct? 17 MR. LEVAR: You are asking -- my take on that question is, if we -- if we grant Rocky Mountain Power's 18 petition to this board, what that does is, it still 19 20 allows -- under the statute still allows Wasatch County to impose reasonable -- I can't remember -- reasonable 21 22 conditions that the county would have to pay for. 23 So it would -- it would establish, I think, Option 1 as the standard cost, as the baseline, and then 24 25 any conditions from Wasatch County would be borne by the

Page 133 county in terms of costs. That's my personal read, if 1 2 you are asking me. So its arguable that all we need, if this board is going to grant Rocky Mountain's petition, 3 all we would need is a vote from this board saying: We 4 5 grant the petition. I think we would direct then -- have a motion 6 directing the Public Service Commission staff who have been assisting this board to craft a written order based 8 on the record consistent with those, with that decision. 9 10 MS. HOLBROOK: Thank you. 11 MR. LEVAR: That's my personal take. Other 12 thoughts from board members, though, since this is a new procedure to all of us? 13 14 I would just say, we don't have MR. CLARK: 15 any conditions from Wasatch County that have been presented. I don't think any were imposed in the 16 proceedings at the county, and so I think our simple 17 question is whether or not the facility should be 18 19 constructed. 20 And I move that we answer that question 21 with -- in the affirmative. And when I say facility, 22 and just for ease of defining what I am referring to, I 23 am going to refer back to Exhibit CBA-2 and the red line that is identified as the proposed 138 KV line. 24 25 And so again, I move that that be our finding

- 1 that the facility be constructed, and I suppose
- 2 corollary to that is that Wasatch County issue the
- 3 permits necessary to allow the construction to go
- 4 forward because of the need for the facility.
- 5 MR. LEVAR: Okay. We have a motion.
- 6 Discussion to the motion and in terms of discussion of
- 7 the motion, I'll say I -- my reading of the statute is,
- 8 that motion is sufficient, and the statute takes care of
- 9 everything that flows from that finding. But if other
- 10 board members see that differently.
- 11 MR. WHITE: I guess just further discussion to
- 12 add a potential amendment. I just want to make sure we
- 13 give the county the most discretion that we can
- 14 possible. So I guess what I would say to amend that is,
- 15 the motion would be, ordering the facility be
- 16 constructed somewhere in the general location and
- 17 consistent with the design parameters described in
- 18 Option 1 through 4.
- So in other words, you know, I -- from my
- 20 perspective I want to allow the county some discretion
- 21 to still go back, as long as that -- the cost does not
- 22 exceed the standard cost. And if they wanted to go in
- 23 that direction, they could have the flexibility to do
- 24 that, as long as they were willing to, pursuant to the
- 25 statute, carry that cost.

Page 135 And so to me I think we would need to 1 2 particularly describe what the -- I guess the standard 3 cost would be. And to me the standard cost is Option 1, and so that would be a part of my motion. And I quess 4 5 the -- this may be a question for the company. maybe for Mr. Berg also in terms of timing. 6 Is that something that needs to be described 8 with respect to -- so in other words, I am just thinking 9 out loud here for a second. But if we say, you have the 10 discretion, somewhere in that general vicinity among 11 those options, as long as you go -- if you don't go 12 beyond the cost of Option 1. And if you do so, those costs, pursuant to the statute, are the county's, and 13 14 furthermore -- I guess that would be the motion. 15 But I guess the question remains out there is, does the statute -- I'll turn to the lawyers. 16 17 statute need to -- the board to describe the timing of that, or is that something that is, again, completely 18 discretionary with the county or the permitting body or 19 what have you? 20 MR. BERG: I think all of that is covered in 21 22 the statute as to what would happen. And I know, of 23 course, Rocky Mountain Power can fill in any of this. In their application, I think the costs were already 24 25 laid out for the four options. Options 1 and 2 both had

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- 1 no cost to the county. Option 3 and Option 4 both had
- 2 high costs.
- I know the county wouldn't consider either of
- 4 those options, as well as I believe there would be a lot
- of extra easements that would be required to be obtained
- 6 for the Brown's Canyon option that ran along the road
- 7 line. So I don't think Option 3 or 4 would be a
- 8 possibility. But my understanding is, Option 1 or 2
- 9 would be agreeable to Rocky Mountain Power. I don't
- 10 know that there would be any change in cost there.
- I do know from the Board of Adjustments
- 12 hearing, I believe Rocky Mountain Power indicated they
- 13 would have to get additional easements to create Option
- 14 2. So I don't know what those additional costs might
- 15 be.
- MR. MOSCON: Sure, and I appreciate the
- 17 opportunity to clarify. It is correct that the company
- 18 discussed and proposed all these variations in the -- at
- 19 the county level as far as workable, feasible options.
- 20 It ultimately applied only for what is Option 1.
- 21 Option 2 is something that the company did say
- 22 we, as a company, would not ask for any additional
- 23 costs, meaning if the towers, the lattice structure
- 24 towers, cost more than the single pole towers, that is
- 25 not anything they would seek from the county.

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               However, as pointed out by Mr. Berg or by the
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     county, the company does not have easements in hand for
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     anything other than Option 1. And so if, for instance,
     if it went back to the board -- or to the county and the
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     order was simply, you put it anywhere you want in the
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     county, and you have to pay for any costs that are above
     and beyond Option 1, and they drew a line on some
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     private party's property.
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               I am not sure how -- I mean, then the company
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     would be in the position of having to go and try and get
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     easements from that party who may or may not cooperate
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     or who then may ask for more money. And then the
     company is going to turn around and say to the county,
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     "Here is how much they want. Is that priced too high or
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     too low?"
               So I absolutely understand, Board Member
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     White, how you are saying, let's give the county
     flexibility. And I do agree that it leaves to the
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     county the ability to put conditions on and pay for
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     incremental costs.
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     workability kind of thing, if the county were to attempt
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     to go to a different location or alignment other than
     Option 1, we would have that problem of, what does the
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     landowner say.
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Page 138 So what I am being pointed out, is 1 Yeah. 2 Option 2 is in the same location, but it requires 3 additional width essentially. Because instead of single poles, it goes to the wider lattice that are shorter but 4 5 wider. You don't run them across. This way. So that's the problem we have with Option 2. 6 MR. WHITE: Based upon that, maybe it sounds 8 like we're back to the motion proposed by Mr. Clark, I If that's going to create extra complication, 9 quess. 10 then maybe that's not the right route. I will note that the statute does 11 MR. LEVAR: 12 say, if the board determines a facility local government has prohibited to be constructed, the rate provision 13 14 shall specify, shall specify any general location 15 parameters required to provided safe, reliable. So if there are any -- if the board determines 16 17 that any location parameters are necessary, the board shall specify them. So that's the situation we are in. 18 Further discussions to the motion or amendments to the 19 20 motion? MR. WHITE: It sounds like we need to describe 21 2.2 that Option 1, because that's the only one that actually 23 has the right easements in place and is ready to -that's the location for the design. 24 25 MS. HOLBROOK: Mr. Chair, question. So this

might be for Rocky Mountain Power. My question would be 1 2 to Option 1 in terms of the way that it already is established. In terms of any additional cost, that same 3 infrastructure in terms of the contract with Promontory 4 5 and anything else still would be applicable. So there wouldn't be any costs incurred by the county because of 6 the time frame differences that have already gone on. 8 Is that correct? 9 MR. MOSCON: That is my understanding. what my understanding of the statutory provisions that 10 both the chair and Board Member White have pointed 11 12 out -- this is a pure hypothetical. But if the county said, "Fine, we are going to let you build it in the 13 14 Option 1 alignment. But just to have it blend in, we 15 want you to paint all of the poles brown and all of the cross arms green or, you know, whatever, because that's 16 going to be visually -- you know, it's going to look 17 better." 18 Then they could condition the permit on that, 19 20 and then the company would say, "Okay. That doesn't impact safety, reliability, whatever. Here is how much 21 22 it cost to do that, and you will bear that cost." 23 So I do think that even if you say, this is the location and this is the option, the county still 24 25 can condition it, if they want, as long as they are

- 1 going to pay the cost to do it.
- 2 But I agree with what was said by the chair
- 3 that specifying the parameter is important here because
- 4 it's not -- and if they were to put it in a different
- 5 location where the board doesn't have an easement, then
- 6 the efficiency need about getting this going and in
- 7 order to have the reliability is going to be lost
- 8 because we're going to be starting over, going back to
- 9 that landowner, those landowners.
- 10 MR. CLARK: So would it be more precise if I
- 11 revised the motion to refer to the location specified in
- 12 the conditional use permit that was presented to and
- denied by Wasatch County? Is that helpful rather than
- 14 referring to CBA-2? Because that's what I am intending
- 15 to do is to have the outcome be that the county issues
- 16 the conditional use permit that was sought.
- MR. MOSCON: Sure. And I am happy to also
- 18 hear Mr. Berg on this. I think that if the board
- 19 specified that the county shall issue the permit as
- 20 applied for, subject to their being allowed to impose
- 21 any conditions that don't impact safety, reliability,
- 22 efficiency, or increase costs without bearing those
- 23 costs, that that works.
- 24 The reason being is, ultimately the company
- 25 only applied for one permit, which is the location for

Page 141 Option 1. So if the -- if the order essentially were to 1 2 grant the permit applied for, that would answer, I 3 think, all the questions about where, what kind of poles, how wide, etc. 4 5 MS. HOLBROOK: Mr. Chairman, one question. So and my apologies. So I just am -- maybe I had a 6 planning commissioner hat on for too long. But if there 8 are any zoning changes or any other things that would be -- that have already occurred subsequent to the 9 10 original request, would that not still be in place 11 I guess that's my one question. 12 MR. MOSCON: And maybe I am not understanding But the ruling of the -- if the board were to 13 exactly. 14 grant the company's request, it orders the county to 15 issue all permits, meaning if it's a construction permit, a variance from the zoning thing or whatever. 16 17 So if there's in the interim been any new zoning passed or whatever, the order essentially says, per the 18 19 statute, that the county or local government is required 20 to issue all permits or variances or whatever that are 21 necessary. 22 So I think that if zoning has changed or 23 whatever else, they would kind of say, that includes grandfathering them to your new zoning one, two, three, 24 25 or what have you. That's my understanding, if that

Page 142 1 answers your question. 2 MS. HOLBROOK: It does somewhat answer the 3 question. I have just a quick question for you, Mr. Berg, in terms of -- so basically what -- if I 4 5 understand it correctly, you will just be in essence -the date that the original application was submitted 6 would be whatever that request would require. 8 that -- is that correct? 9 MR. BERG: Yeah. That would be my 10 understanding. And there was the initial application that was withdrawn, but then when they applied for that 11 12 again, there was no change in any of the laws or anything from that, from August, when it was removed 13 until it was reapplied for again. And so I don't see 14 15 any problems with that. 16 MS. HOLBROOK: Thank you. MR. MOSCON: And I'll note, if this helps 17 anybody who is actually drafting an order, if the board 18 were to go along with this. Exhibit 14 to the direct 19 20 testimony of Don Watts, so ETW 14, is the actual 21 application for conditional use permit that identifies 22 the specific corridor. So if that helps anybody figure 23 out how to articulate what we are talking about, there is an Exhibit 14 that has that language in it. 24 25 MR. LEVAR: Mr. Clark, do you want to restate

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1	Page 143 your motion or do you want to revise it, or do you have
2	another motion?
3	MR. CLARK: Yes. So my motion is that the
4	board find that the transmission project in question,
5	including the route proposed and as specified in the
6	conditional use permit presented to Wasatch County, is
7	needed by the utility to provide safe, reliable,
8	adequate, and efficient service to its customers; that
9	we also find that the project should be constructed;
10	that we find that the county's denial of the conditional
11	use permit in effect prohibited the construction of this
12	needed transmission project; and that we direct the
13	county to issue the conditional use permit for the
14	project to be located in the transmission corridor
15	specified in the permit; and that the permit be issued
16	within 60 days after the issuance of the order.
17	And I think that's the statutory time frame.
18	And that the county also issue any other permits,
19	authorizations, approvals, exceptions or waivers
20	necessary for construction of the project consistent
21	with our order.
22	MR. LEVAR: Would you object to one amendment
23	to your motion to also add additionally a motion to ask
24	the Public Service Commission staff who have been
25	assisting this board to draft any additional findings

Page 144 and conclusions -- findings of fact, conclusions of law 1 2 based on the record consistent with that decision? Would that be -- would you be amenable to that 3 amendment? 4 5 MR. CLARK: That's a -- I accept the 6 amendment. MR. LEVAR: Okay. So we have a motion in 8 front of us that I am not going to restate, but we have 9 it on the transcript. Ms. Reif, were you wanting to 10 make a comment? 11 COURT REPORTER: And give me your name on the 12 record. MS. REIF: Melanie Reif, I am legal counsel to 13 14 the board. Chair LeVar and board members, I just want 15 to be absolutely clear regarding the motion that's pending so there's not any misunderstanding as to what 16 17 happened below at the Wasatch County Board of Adjustment and what the conclusion of that hearing was. 18 There were four options before the board, and 19 20 the board made findings on all of those denying the application after considering each option. So I just 21 22 want to make the record very clear so there's no 23 confusion going forward as to what will be the result of this hearing, inasmuch as Option 1 is the option that 24

seems to be reflected in the proposed finding.

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               MR. LEVAR:
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               MS. REIF:
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               MR. LEVAR: Any further discussion or second
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     to the motion?
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               MS. HOLBROOK: Mr. Chair, I'll second that.
               MR. LEVAR: Are we ready to call for a vote?
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     Okay. I'll continue to go in alphabetical order.
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    Mr. Clark.
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               MR. CLARK: I vote yes.
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                           Ms. Holbrook.
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               MS. HOLBROOK: Yes.
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               MR. LEVAR: I vote yes. Mr. White.
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               MR. WHITE:
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               MR. LEVAR: Mr. Wilson.
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               MR. WILSON: Yes.
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               MR. LEVAR:
                           Motion passes five to zero.
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    will open up to any board member or any party in the
     room whether anyone feels there's any further business
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     this board needs to address before we adjourn this
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    hearing and move onto the drafting of an order in this
     matter. I am not seeing any indication of anything
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     further. So we are adjourned.
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               (The hearing concluded at 1:38 p.m.)
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