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In re: Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC to Approve Transaction with

Accelerated Decommissioning Partners, LLC for Accelerated

Decommissioning Services at the CR3 Facility, etc.

Docket No. 20190140-EI

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

On behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF"), please find enclosed for electronic filing in the above-referenced docket, DEF's redacted transcript and exhibits for the deposition testimony of the DEF's witness, Terry Hobbs, taken in this proceeding on June 25, 2020.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call me at (813) 227-8114 should you have any questions concerning this filing.

Respectfully,

Shutts & Bowen LLP

/s/ Daniel Hernandez

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Enclosure (as noted).

Duke Energy Florida, LLC Docket No.: 20190140-EI CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Page 5 1 PROCEEDINGS ***** 2 3 (Whereupon, the proceedings began at 9:10 a.m.) 4 THE STENOGRAPHER: Raise your right hand, 5 please. Do you swear or affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth? 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do. 10 Thereupon, 11 TERRY HOBBS, having been first duly sworn or affirmed, was examined 12 13 and testified as follows: 14 MR. REHWINKEL: Let's take appearances, and 15 I'll start off with Charles Rehwinkel, deputy public 16 counsel, appearing on behalf of Office of Public 17 Counsel and the customers of Duke. 18 MR. HERNANDEZ: This is Daniel Hernandez with 19 Shutts & Bowen on behalf of Duke Energy. 20 MS. TRIPLETT: This is Dianne Triplett on 21 behalf of Duke Energy. 22 MR. REHWINKEL: John. 23 MR. MOYLE: Yeah. John Moyle on behalf of the 24 Florida Industrial Power Users Group, FIPUG. 25 I'm going to be on mute.

- 1 MR. REHWINKEL: Jay?
- 2 MR. BREW: Can you hear me now? This is James
- 3 Brew for White Springs Agricultural Chemicals, PCS
- 4 Phosphate.
- 5 Can you hear me?
- 6 MR. REHWINKEL: No, we heard you.
- 7 Suzanne.
- 8 MS. BROWNLESS: Suzanne Brownless appearing on
- 9 behalf of the staff of the Public Service Commission.
- 10 And do you want me to introduce the staffers in
- 11 the room with me, Charles.
- MR. REHWINKEL: Yes, please.
- MS. BROWNLESS: And with me is Bill McNulty and
- 14 Mark Cicchetti. McNulty, M-C-N-U-L-T-Y. And
- 15 Cicchetti, C-I-C-C-H-E-T-T-I.
- 16 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 18 Q. Good morning, Mr. Hobbs.
- 19 A. Good morning.
- 20 Q. Before I start with the questions, I want to make
- 21 a statement for the record.
- 22 MR. REHWINKEL: Richard Polich is now on for
- 23 the office of public counsel.
- 24 This deposition has been noticed as
- confidential because we will be asking questions

- 1 about material that Duke has asserted a claim of
- confidentiality for with the Public Service
- 3 Commission. And under the law, we must keep the
- 4 information confidential, pending a final
- 5 documentation determination, some of which has been
- finally determined to be confidential.
- 7 The deposition and -- should only be attended
- 8 by parties who are -- like the Public Service
- 9 Commission staff and the Public Counsel covered by
- 10 statutes and rules that allow them to review the
- 11 confidential information, but which require them to
- 12 keep it confidential and exempt from inspection under
- the public records law offices of the State of
- 14 Florida.
- 15 All of the other attorneys have nondisclosure
- 16 agreements, as does Mr. Polich with our office, and
- are thus entitled to be on the deposition.
- 18 Madam Court Reporter, the arrangement that we
- 19 have is that we will order a deposition on an
- 20 expedited basis. The Public Counsel will receive our
- 21 copy directly from you. And if you could then send
- 22 the copy to -- or the -- any ordered copies that are
- paid for that you would ordinarily send to the
- 24 participants, if you would send them to Duke, and
- Duke will disseminate them to make sure that they go

- 1 to the people who are entitled to receive them.
- Is that the agreed upon procedure, Danny?
- 3 MR. HERNANDEZ: It is, yes.
- 4 MR. REHWINKEL: And with that, do we have an
- 5 agreement that all objections except as to the form
- of the question are reserved?
- 7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, we agree.
- 8 MR. REHWINKEL: And you will not waive reading
- 9 and signing?
- 10 MR. HERNANDEZ: We will read.
- 11 MR. REHWINKEL: Okay.
- 12 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 13 Q. All right. Now, Terry, I can start with you,
- 14 Mr. Hobbs. I just want to make sure that, given that
- 15 there are some technical glitches, at least on my end
- 16 here, if there is any difficulty in understanding a
- 17 question I ask, if you would ask me to repeat it, I
- 18 would appreciate that.
- 19 Can you do that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And -- and take your time in answering questions.
- 22 Again, I'm not trying to rush you. And given the
- 23 technical constraints we find ourselves in these days,
- 24 you should make sure that you don't try to outrun the
- 25 technology.

- 1 If you need a break, please ask me, and we will
- 2 take one.
- MR. REHWINKEL: And that goes for anyone else,
- 4 especially the court reporter. If you need to break,
- 5 let me know. I tend to go long.
- 6 I -- I am pretty confident that my questions
- 7 will go at least past lunchtime. And I would ask if
- 8 there's any problem with the -- agreeing to a break
- 9 at 12:00, and we can decide on whether it's
- 10 45 minutes or an hour at that time.
- Is that acceptable to everybody?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: That's acceptable to Duke.
- 13 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 14 Q. All right. Okay. Now, we'll get to the real
- 15 part, which is, can you state your name and employer and
- 16 work address for the record.
- 17 A. My name is Terry Hobbs. I'm general manager for
- 18 decommissioning for Duke Energy Florida. My address is
- 19 West Powerline Street, Crystal River, Florida.
- 20 Q. Okay. And did you receive any Duke -- the notice
- 21 of deposition that Public Counsel serves in this docket
- 22 on June 22, 2020, at 11 o'clock?
- 23 A. I did not bring a copy of that with me, Charles.
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Have you seen it?
- THE WITNESS: I have read it, yes.

- 1 MR. REHWINKEL: Okay. So, Madam Court
- Reporter, do you have a copy of the notice of
- deposition that you could make as an exhibit to the
- 4 deposition?
- 5 THE STENOGRAPHER: I do, yes.
- 6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Charles.
- 7 MR. REHWINKEL: We'll just designate the Public
- 8 Counsel's Notice of Deposition as Exhibit 1.
- 9 (Whereupon, Exhibit 1 was marked for
- 10 identification.)
- 11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Charles, this is Danny. I just
- 12 found it. I was mistaken. I do have a copy here
- 13 with me.
- MR. REHWINKEL: Okay.
- 15 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 16 Q. Mr. Hobbs, are you -- you're familiar with this
- 17 notice?
- 18 A. I am, yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. And you're also familiar with the list of
- 20 documents that we asked you to -- to bring with you?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And is it your understanding that Duke
- 23 made available the documents that you have that were
- 24 responsive to this list available on a share site
- 25 available to all of the eligible participants on the

- 1 deposition?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And do you have a copy of the documents --
- 4 I think there were five of them -- that were provided?
- 5 Do you have a copy of those with you?
- 6 A. I -- let me check. This is -- yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. I would like to just go through those
- 8 depositions and understand which ones relate to which of
- 9 the requests, if I could.
- 10 And you may or may not have the Bates numbered
- 11 versions of these. Duke was kind enough to Bates Number
- 12 these 1 through -- I think it's 50. And I would ask you
- 13 if you have a -- Number 1, which is the report to the
- 14 transaction and risk committee?
- 15 A. Okay. Yes, I have -- so tell me the title again,
- 16 please, Mr. Rehwinkel.
- 17 Q. The report to the transaction and risk committee.
- 18 A. Yes, I have that.
- 19 Q. And it appears to be a 24-page document; is that
- 20 right?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. Okay. And if you have a copy of the notice of
- 23 deposition with you, could you tell me which of the
- 24 documents listed here this responds to?
- 25 A. So this was a report to the committee. So I

- 1 think it would be Number 2, all communications between
- 2 the analysis and recommendation, so it would be to
- 3 Number 2 of the committee. Number 3, the documents that
- 4 the committee relied upon in its deliberations and
- 5 decisions. Number 5, for my testimony.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. I think that would be the -- at least the three
- 8 that stand out to me.
- 9 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- 10 The next document is Bates numbered beginning
- 11 with 25 through 40. And it is a slide presentation
- 12 entitled "CR3 Accelerated D&D Feasibility,
- 13 Recommendation to TRC, March 19, 2019."
- 14 Do you have that?
- 15 A. Yes, I do have that.
- 16 Q. Okay. And can you tell me which of the numbers
- 17 this relates to?
- 18 A. I think it would be the same numbers as before.
- 19 O. 2, 3, and 5?
- 20 A. Right.
- 21 O. All right. And then number -- the document
- 22 starting at Bates 41 through 46 says "Scrub Team Review
- 23 Question and Answer Log."
- 24 A. Yes, I have that.
- 25 O. You have that?

- 1 Can you tell me which of the documents requested
- 2 that relates to?
- 3 A. It would be Number 1, Number 2. I think that
- 4 would be just those two numbers.
- 5 Q. Okay. 1 and 2. Thank you.
- 6 And then we have Bates 47 through 49. And it
- 7 says "Utility Sheet Objections."
- 8 A. Yes, sir, I have that.
- 9 Q. Okay. Can you tell me the number for that one?
- 10 A. Number 1, Number 2, Number 3. I think that's all
- 11 of it.
- 12 Q. Okay. And then finally, an Excel spreadsheet
- 13 Bates numbered 50. And over on the upper right-hand
- 14 side, it says "CR3 Accelerated Decommissioning Trust
- 15 Fund Balance?"
- 16 Do you have that?
- 17 A. I do have that.
- 18 Q. What would be the corresponding numbers for that
- 19 one?
- 20 A. Number 1, Number 2, Number 3. I think that's it.
- 21 O. Okay. So of -- of these five documents, the two
- 22 that you also designate as being a document that you
- 23 either used or reviewed or considered in preparing your
- 24 testimony?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 O. Okay. And does that mean both rebuttal and
- 2 direct?
- A. More so my direct testimony.
- 4 Q. Okay. All righty. I think I'm going to start --
- 5 if you have your direct testimony with you?
- 6 A. Yes, sir, I do.
- 7 Q. Okay. And I think I want to start with your
- 8 direct and just ask you some preliminary questions
- 9 before I get into your rebuttal.
- 10 If I could ask you to turn to your -- your direct
- 11 testimony. And on Page 2, you talk about your
- 12 educational background and professional experience on
- 13 lines, I guess, 1 through 9.
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Tell me about the -- the senior operator --
- 16 reactor operator license. When did you get that and how
- 17 long did you -- were you a nuclear plant operator,
- 18 licensed operator?
- 19 A. So I was a licensed operator from -- let's see --
- 20 for 11 years. I was a senior reactor operator licensed
- 21 by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for eight years,
- 22 1992 to 2000.
- 23 Q. I'm sorry. There was something -- there was a
- 24 break in the -- in the audio.
- 25 You were a licensed operator for 11 years?

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And what were those years?
- 3 A. 1989 until 2000. And then I was a senior
- 4 operator -- I'm including my years as a senior reactor
- 5 operator. In those years, I was a senior reactor
- 6 operator from 1992 until 2000.
- 7 Q. Okay. I got it.
- 8 And were -- so where did you -- what plant were
- 9 you for the 11 years?
- 10 A. This is the Harris nuclear plant in North
- 11 Carolina.
- 12 Q. So you never were an operator at CR3?
- 13 A. No, sir.
- 14 Q. Okay. Were you -- when did you first go to work
- 15 at CR3?
- 16 A. 2005.
- 17 Q. '5?
- 18 A. 2005.
- 19 Q. Okay. So you were -- what was your role from
- 20 2005 to 2009?
- 21 A. I was the nuclear oversight manager for an
- independent audits and assessments from 2005 till 2007.
- 23 And from 2007 till 2010, I was a projects control
- 24 manager.
- Q. And was that just at the CR3 site or did you have

- 1 anything to do with the Levy project?
- A. Did you say -- which project, sir?
- 3 Q. Levy.
- 4 A. The department that I was in was part of that
- 5 Levy project. My department was not. So the project
- 6 that I -- the projects control group was not related to
- 7 the Levy project.
- 8 Q. Okay. So after 2010, what was your -- your role?
- 9 A. Let me think. Let me get my years straight. I
- 10 was project controls manager until 2011. I apologize.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. So I went to the Robinson plant for a five-months
- 13 assignment. The Robinson plant was in South Carolina.
- 14 I was there from January to July of 2011. At that
- 15 point, I was asked to become the general manager for
- 16 Crystal River 3. And I have been in that position
- 17 since.
- 18 Q. Okay. So you came back around the time of -- I
- 19 quess there was a delamination event in July of '11?
- 20 A. It was in the summer of 2011. I think it was
- 21 July, but I know it was in the summer. So it was -- if
- 22 it was not in July, it was around July.
- 23 Q. Okay. And what was the -- what was the reason
- 24 that you came back to be general manager of the CR3
- 25 facility? Was it to be a part of the repair, or were

- 1 you anticipating then that it was going to be maybe shut
- 2 down?
- 3 A. Neither of those. The repair was a separate
- 4 standalone project. I went back to lead the plant
- 5 staff. And we were preparing for another round of
- 6 putting the plants systems in lay-up, maintaining the
- 7 plant programs healthy, knowing that there had to be a
- 8 future decision made. My job was to keep the plant
- 9 viable if that decision would be made, that we would do
- 10 another repair and restart.
- 11 Q. Okay. Okay. And so between July of 2011 and
- 12 February, I believe it was, 5th of 2013, decisions were
- 13 made that ultimately resulted -- no -- that ultimately
- 14 resulted in the plant being shut down permanently?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. Okay. All right. Do you have general knowledge
- 17 of the event that was associated with the -- the steam
- 18 generator repair in 2009?
- 19 A. Yes, I have general knowledge of that event.
- Q. Okay. And do you also have some general
- 21 knowledge about the -- the upgrade that was -- or the
- 22 phase of the upgrade that was underway in conjunction
- 23 with the outage for the steam generator repair?
- 24 A. Yes, I have general information about the
- 25 extended power upgrade that was to be performed in

- 1 conjunction with the steam generator replacement project
- 2 in 2009.
- 3 Q. Okay. And I assume you also have general
- 4 knowledge about the -- the delamination event and the
- 5 repair attempts associated with the aftermath of the
- 6 steam generator repair?
- 7 A. I do have general knowledge of that, yes, sir.
- 8 Q. Okay. And you have general knowledge about the
- 9 events that were associated with the Levy project? And
- 10 I mean at a -- at a high level.
- 11 A. I was not -- no, I was not involved in the Levy
- 12 project. I followed it, as other company employees
- 13 would, through the years, but that was just as an
- 14 employee. You know, general -- general news of what --
- 15 what was going on with -- with our company.
- 16 Q. Okay. That's fair.
- 17 And I only ask these questions, not to ask you
- 18 about those events, because I'm not going to do that,
- 19 but I just wanted to understand if you have any
- 20 appreciation for the perspective that the customers have
- 21 about some -- some of the events that occur in -- and
- 22 I'm going to call it the nuclear space with the Florida
- 23 Duke Progress company.
- 24 A. Yes, I do.
- 25 Q. Is it your understanding that although there have

- 1 been a number of settlements and negotiated agreements
- 2 since 2010 related to Levy, CR3, and the CR3 upgrade,
- 3 that there is some level of trepidation by the customers
- 4 and their representatives about additional costs
- 5 emanating from the CR3 nuclear plant?
- 6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 7 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 8 Q. Do you understand my question?
- 9 A. I don't think I did.
- 10 Q. Okay. Well, do you have a perspective that the
- 11 customers feel like they have a -- an -- incurred a
- 12 significant cost related to nuclear projects that
- 13 ultimately failed?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 15 A. So I interact with members of the public and
- 16 elected officials routinely for activities in progress
- 17 at the Crystal River complex as well as Crystal River 3.
- 18 And in those interactions, these topics have never come
- 19 up to be discussed.
- That's my personal experience. I'm not speaking
- 21 for, you know, other venues where there may be
- 22 discussions.
- 23 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- Q. Okay. So if I ask you the same question, but
- 25 about the representatives that -- that have dealt with

- 1 the issue before the Public Service Commission, would
- 2 your answer be the same?
- 3 A. Which representatives, sir?
- 4 Q. Myself, Mr. Brew, Mr. Moyle, that represent the
- 5 customers before the Public Service Commission.
- 6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 7 A. I don't -- I don't have an opinion on that. I
- 8 understand that a lot of -- you said we are a regulated
- 9 utility by the commission. I understand that there are
- 10 ongoing proceedings that are with many of the
- 11 stakeholders and shareholders here on this call, but I
- 12 have no insight into that. I'm not really privy to that
- 13 or part of that.
- 14 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 15 Q. Okay. All right. That's fair enough.
- 16 I just wanted to understand if you have a
- 17 perspective on it.
- 18 Let's turn to Page 9 of your direct testimony.
- 19 And if you could also, if you have a paper copy, open up
- 20 your rebuttal to Page 11. And I kind of want to ask you
- 21 a set of questions here just so I understand.
- 22 If I look on Page 9 of your testimony, Line 4, it
- 23 says: "ADP is assuming all project execution risk, such
- 24 as cost overruns or emergent conditions, which provides
- 25 a high level of cost certainty to DEF customers."

- 1 Did I read that right?
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And then if I look on Page 11 of your rebuttal,
- 4 Lines 1 and 2 read: "With the exception of any changes
- 5 to End-State Conditions, ADP CR3 assumes all project
- 6 implementation risks, including scope change conduct,
- 7 relations, et cetera."
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 O. Did I read that right?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. And then if I go to Page 13 of your rebuttal,
- 13 there is a sentence that starts on Line 18 that reads:
- 14 "The DOJ of the fixed-price contract with no change
- 15 order provisions, with the exception of changes to
- 16 End-State Conditions and transfers all project
- 17 implementation risks (including scope changes, cost
- 18 escalations, et cetera) to ADP CR3."
- 19 Did I read that right?
- 20 A. Yes, sir.
- 21 Q. So my question is -- maybe in too many words to
- 22 ask you a simple question -- what's the difference
- 23 between project execution risk and project
- 24 implementation risks?
- 25 A. I think they're the same risk. I think that

- 1 they -- when I think of those two terms, I think of them
- 2 as the same. I think of them as, you know, labor
- 3 increases.
- 4 I think of cost escalations in other areas. All
- 5 of those risks that occur during a project -- this is
- 6 roughly a 6 1/2-year project. Those are all in that
- 7 fixed-price agreed amount.
- 8 Q. Okay. Is there -- is there any reason why you --
- 9 you used the word "implementation" in the rebuttal
- 10 versus "execution" in your direct?
- 11 A. I did not intend any precise meaning in the word.
- 12 I used these interchangeably in this testimony.
- Q. I was asking because, to me, implementation sort
- 14 of means to sort of start and get underway with
- 15 something versus execution, which -- which conveys
- 16 completion. But you wouldn't agree with that?
- 17 A. No, sir.
- 18 Q. If I look back on page -- you put your rebuttal
- 19 aside for now. Go back to your direct and back on
- 20 Page 9.
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. There is a sentence that starts on Page 9,
- 23 Lines 10 -- Line 10 and ends on Line 12. It says:
- 24 "Accepted escalation and waste disposal cost is
- 25 particularly concerning, given the limited capacity of

- 1 licensed waste disposal sites and the growing number of
- 2 plants that are expected to be retired in the next ten
- 3 years."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Is there something here that -- is there a reason
- 7 you used the phrase "accepted escalation of waste
- 8 disposal cost" in conjunction with this?
- 9 Are you saying that waste disposal costs are
- 10 going to be fixed under this -- under this agreement?
- 11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 12 A. I think that's two questions.
- I think your first question is why I highlighted
- 14 waste disposal cost. So is that for -- is that correct?
- 15 Was that your first question?
- 16 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 17 Q. Yeah. That's a good way to break it down. Thank
- 18 you.
- 19 A. There were only two for commercial power plants.
- 20 There's two currently licensed waste disposal sites.
- 21 One's in Clive, Utah. The second one is Waste Control
- 22 Specialists in west Texas, specifically Andrews County.
- 23 So it's a very finite burial capability in the United
- 24 States at this time. These -- these things, they are
- 25 regulated by many agencies, including the regulatory

- 1 boards and are also licensed at both the Nuclear
- 2 Regulatory Commission, and the states that they are in.
- 3 So as I watch my industry, you know, we've
- 4 recently -- in the last year, we've seen the Pilgrim
- 5 plant in Massachusetts. We've seen a plant in New
- 6 Jersey, Oyster Creek. We've seen Indian Point plant in
- 7 New York state shut down. And then coming in the next
- 8 few years, it's been announced two big units in
- 9 California, the Diablo Canyon plants. And then the
- 10 Beaver Valley plants in Pennsylvania may come down.
- 11 So that is what I was attempting to communicate,
- 12 is that we have a fixed burial capability within the
- 13 United States, yet the production of the material that
- 14 has to be packaged, transported, and disposed of at
- 15 those sites continues to go up -- go up over time.
- 16 That's what -- in my testimony, that's what I was
- 17 attempting to communicate.
- 18 Q. Okay. So the second part of my question was
- 19 whether the cost of waste disposal is fixed under the
- 20 agreement that you're asking the commission to approve?
- 21 A. So Section 6.2 of the DSA, the decommissioning
- 22 services agreement, addresses that question. It
- 23 describes how CR3 -- ADP CR3 will enter into fixed
- 24 contracts with their affiliates and their subcontractors
- 25 to conduct the decommissioning project. And it does

- 1 specifically talk about Waste Control Specialists.
- 2 It says -- and I'll quote part in Section 6.2:
- 3 "Contractor anticipates" -- contractor being ADP CR3 --
- 4 "anticipates that it will enter into a unit price
- 5 subcontract with Waste Control Specialists, LLC, for
- 6 waste disposal services, provided, however, in the event
- 7 that contractor is able to obtain a fixed-price
- 8 subcontract, Waste Control Specialists, LLC, shall post
- 9 a payment and performance bond that complies with other
- 10 requirements within this."
- 11 So what is in the current agreement, it -- ADP
- 12 has yet to enter into that contract; therefore, the form
- 13 of that contract is not known today.
- 14 Q. Okay. So at this point, this is a -- an open
- 15 item, meaning the pricing of the --
- 16 A. The ADP will need to -- to perform.
- 17 Q. I apologize. I think I talked over you Terry.
- 18 Could you restate your answer?
- 19 A. I don't know that I would consider it an open
- 20 item. I think it is one of several contracts that ADP
- 21 will enter into with either affiliates or subcontractors
- 22 over the life of the project, roughly a 6 1/2-year
- 23 project.
- Q. If ADP does not enter into a fixed-price contract
- 25 with Waste Control Specialists, that wouldn't be a

- 1 violation of the DSA, assuming that Duke executes the
- 2 DSA; is that right?
- 3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 4 A. I'm -- I'm not -- I'm not sure I understand your
- 5 meaning of the word "violation."
- 6 I read what the current DSA suggests. So I read
- 7 that to mean that ADP intends -- and at the time we sign
- 8 this agreement, they certainly intend to enter into the
- 9 agreement with Waste Control Specialists. In
- 10 discussions, the reason that is, is that the Waste
- 11 Control Specialists in Texas, they can take -- there's
- 12 classes of waste, generally for radioactive waste,
- 13 generally speaking, that Class A, B, and C, they are
- 14 licensed to take all three classes of radioactive waste.
- 15 The facility in Utah is not and is strictly a Class A
- 16 facility.
- 17 So that is -- that's my understanding of why the
- 18 intent is for ADP CR3 to enter into a contract with
- 19 Waste Control Specialists.
- 20 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- Q. Okay. So I'm trying to understand if it's going
- 22 to be a fixed-price contract or not, or if there would
- 23 be some variability in the pricing.
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 25 A. I think that is ADP's decision, and it does not

- 1 affect the price to Duke Energy Florida.
- 2 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- Q. Okay. If ADP's affiliate, Waste Control
- 4 Specialists -- you agree they're affiliates, right?
- 5 A. I do agree, yes, sir.
- 6 Q. If ADP's affiliate, Waste Control Specialists,
- 7 entered into a contract that allowed Waste Control
- 8 Specialists to raise the price for the disposal of waste
- 9 from CR3, based on market conditions, for example, could
- 10 that impose a risk to the completion of the -- the
- 11 project?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 13 A. I think it is one of the risks that we talked
- 14 about a few moments ago, in that ADP is assuming that
- 15 risk in the fixed price nature of their contract with
- 16 Duke Energy Florida. There's a lot of protections that
- 17 I'm sure we're going to talk about today that were
- 18 specifically included in this agreement as we thought
- 19 about all of these various scenarios.
- 20 And when I say "protections," I'm talking about
- 21 protections for Duke Energy Florida and its customers,
- 22 not what may happen between ADP and its affiliates.
- 23 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- Q. Well, if there is a problem -- well, let's go
- 25 back to the sentence you read on Page 43 of the DSA,

- 1 which is Page 49 of your exhibit.
- 2 And this is a -- it starts at the top, it says:
- 3 "Contract" -- "contractor" -- which you said is ADP,
- 4 right?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. -- "anticipates that it will enter into a unit
- 7 price subcontract with Waste Control Specialists, LLC,
- 8 for waste disposal services," right?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. What is your understanding of what a unit price
- 11 subcontract is?
- 12 A. I'm certainly not an expert in that. But I think
- 13 that possibly is a per shipment type of charge.
- 14 These -- these will be shipments from the Crystal River
- 15 site to the west Texas site mostly by train car, I
- 16 believe is the current plan by ADP. So that would be an
- 17 example of a unit price. There could be others. I
- 18 don't know a lot about that business. But that's an
- 19 example.
- 20 Q. All right. So a unit price subcontract doesn't
- 21 necessarily mean it will be a fixed-price contract; is
- 22 that right?
- 23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 24 A. Again, I'm not an expert in waste shipments. But
- 25 it -- I see this where it talks about two contracting

- 1 strategies. One would be a unit and the other would be
- 2 a fixed price. So, you know, there's -- that's
- 3 flexibility for ADP to manage this project effectively,
- 4 efficiently, cost effectively. And we, Duke Energy,
- 5 certainly agreed to give them those options.
- 6 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 7 Q. Okay. We talked -- I talked yesterday to
- 8 Mr. Adix about low-level radioactive waste. There's A,
- 9 B, and C, and then there's something called GTCC, or
- 10 Greater-Than-C --
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. -- something like that?
- 13 A. Yes, sir, Greater-Than-Class C waste.
- Q. Yes, that's what the other C is, class.
- So he told us that WCS at Andrews is licensed and
- 16 taking ABC radioactive waste today.
- 17 Is that your understanding?
- 18 A. Yes, it is my understanding.
- 19 Q. I wasn't clear. And I want to know your
- 20 understanding about the GTCC capabilities of the WCS
- 21 site.
- 22 Is it your understanding that that capability is
- 23 licensed for WCS at Andrews today?
- 24 A. My understanding today is that it is not licensed
- 25 to take Greater-Than-Class C waste; however, I have -- I

- 1 have heard ADP people discuss that that is something
- 2 that they would pursue, along with what they're
- 3 currently pursuing with respect to the interim -- a
- 4 centralized interim storage facility for used fuel.
- 5 So I think that's why those discussions are going
- 6 on. It's actually the used fuel discussions that our
- 7 nation has had for 40 something years. And right now,
- 8 regulatory-wise, Greater-Than-Class C waste, says it is
- 9 not suitable for shallow burial.
- 10 And generally, Class A, B, and C waste is
- 11 suitable for shallow burial and would not pose a
- 12 radiation risk to members of the public.
- 13 Greater-Than-Class C burial needs a more robust --
- 14 either a depository or very robust storage and generally
- 15 appointed to radiation levels.
- 16 So right now, Greater-Than-Class C waste that
- 17 would -- will be produced during this project, ADP
- 18 project, would be stored along with the used fuel at the
- 19 Crystal River site. And the current thinking is that it
- 20 would go along with the fuel canisters, whenever the
- 21 Department of Energy designates where and when that
- 22 transport would occur.
- 23 Q. So if -- so is it your -- your planning
- 24 assumptions is that there wouldn't be shipment of GTCC
- 25 waste in advance of DOE coming back -- coming by and

- 1 picking up the spent fuel canisters?
- A. That's my current understanding, yes.
- Q. Okay. Let me ask you if you've got the report
- 4 to the transaction and risk committee, which is Bates 1?
- 5 A. I do have it in front of me.
- 6 Q. Okay. Actually, let me -- I'm going to hold off
- 7 on that. I apologize for that. Let me -- let me put
- 8 that aside for a second.
- 9 Actually, no, I take that back. I do have a
- 10 question. I apologize.
- If I could get you to look -- well, first of all,
- 12 what's in this report, is this accurate? Does it
- 13 support what is in the DSA and what -- and what is
- 14 before the commission for approval?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 16 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 17 Q. Actually, let me withdraw that question. Let me
- 18 reask that.
- 19 Are you familiar with this document?
- 20 A. Yes, sir, I am.
- Q. Did you have a role in preparing?
- 22 A. Yes, sir, I did.
- Q. Okay. What was your role?
- 24 A. I was the general manager in charge of the
- 25 project team that went through this entire process,

- 1 starting in 2017 and up until we signed this contract,
- 2 on May 29th of 2019. So this was part of my project
- 3 team, which I was the leader of, of both our internal
- 4 interview processes to seek approval all the way to our
- 5 board of directors.
- 6 The transaction and risk committee, they are
- 7 cross-functional senior leaders of our company that
- 8 scrub and look at these types of projects and make a
- 9 recommendation ultimately to our chief executive officer
- 10 and our board of directors.
- 11 So that's the context of this report.
- 12 Q. Okay. Were you -- would you say you were the
- 13 primary author of it?
- 14 A. I would say it was more of a collaborative
- 15 approach from many groups -- parts of my team to make
- 16 sure that we accurately communicated with our senior
- 17 executives, our board, all of the aspects of this
- 18 agreement.
- 19 O. When you transmitted it to the -- to the TRC,
- 20 which is the transaction and risk committee, was it
- 21 under your name?
- 22 A. I don't recall. I don't recall formally how --
- 23 how this was transmitted. But the process -- the
- 24 process, these two documents that we brought is, this
- 25 was submitted and then the accompanying PowerPoint

- 1 presentation is what we actually discussed during the
- 2 committee's meeting.
- Q. Okay. So is what happened, you prepared the
- 4 report, the PowerPoint was -- was prepared for the TRC
- 5 to consider and take action on; is that accurate?
- 6 A. I think that the white paper is the document that
- 7 the committee members read and understood.
- 8 The PowerPoint was to facilitate the -- an
- 9 efficient meeting to go through the details of the
- 10 agreement. That's how I viewed the two, how they worked
- 11 together.
- 12 Q. Okay. The scrub team review question and answer
- 13 log, how -- how did that fit into the timeline
- 14 between -- was it before or after the -- the white
- 15 paper, as you call it?
- 16 A. I think those were happening in parallel. And I
- 17 believe in our testimony, in my testimony previously, my
- 18 project team -- I had a project director that had
- 19 project control folks, different people -- is that they
- 20 engaged with the scrub team more than a month before
- 21 the -- the committee was to take it up. So the document
- 22 should mention is some -- the back and forth of the
- 23 discussions that was taking place between my project
- 24 team and all of the cross-functional members of Duke
- 25 Energy.

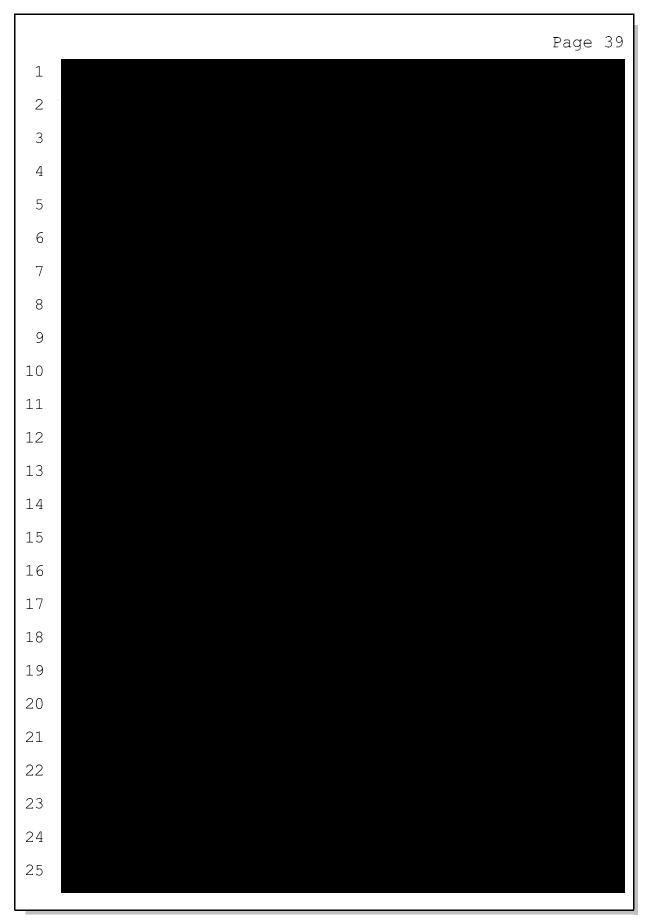
- 1 Q. Okay. And so who is C. Lee?
- 2 A. I'm sorry?
- Q. And now I'm looking at the scrub team transaction
- 4 review document.
- 5 A. Which document, sir?
- 6 Q. I apologize. It's called the "TRC Scrub Team
- 7 Transaction Review, Scrub Team Member Sign Off."
- 8 A. All right.
- Q. Who are these -- it says "sign off member." Are
- 10 those -- who are those people, C. Lee, Kate Passarelli,
- 11 Lewis Camp, Arnold Garcia, Steven Holmes, Andrew
- 12 James --
- 13 A. Those --
- 14 Q. -- et cetera?
- 15 A. Those are generally managers that work for the
- 16 senior executives that serve on the TRC. And this is
- 17 the process that Duke Energy uses to make sure that we
- 18 have -- and, you know, if you look at the functional
- 19 variable, it's very cross-functional so that as a Duke
- 20 Energy company, we have this process in place to make
- 21 sure we are taking a very broad look at these types of
- 22 projects as we go through the review and approval
- 23 process.
- O. So are those the members of the TRC?
- 25 A. No, sir. These are the scrub team members that

- 1 report to members of the TRC.
- Q. And just so I understand, these scrub team
- 3 members, they -- they would have questions or
- 4 concerns -- well, they call it comment, conditions, or
- 5 management consideration. They were listed here on the
- 6 right.
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. And they were associated with either a sign off
- 9 or there being something pending, based on resolution or
- 10 concern or questions they've raised?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Okay. And was -- so the -- these -- the dates on
- 13 this thing are scrub team meeting dates, February 20,
- 14 2019, scrub team sign off date, March 6, 2019, and then
- a TRC meeting date of March 19, 2019; is that right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. So we see in the sign off date column, the
- 18 relevant people signing off that they're -- I guess that
- 19 they approved it and any concerns they had had been
- 20 resolved?
- 21 A. As I -- as I look, when I see some of the sign
- offs had "pending," remember the negotiations were still
- 23 continuing. So -- so you can see on Line Item 3, as an
- 24 example, to where my project team, we continue to engage
- 25 these folks until we actually completed the -- the

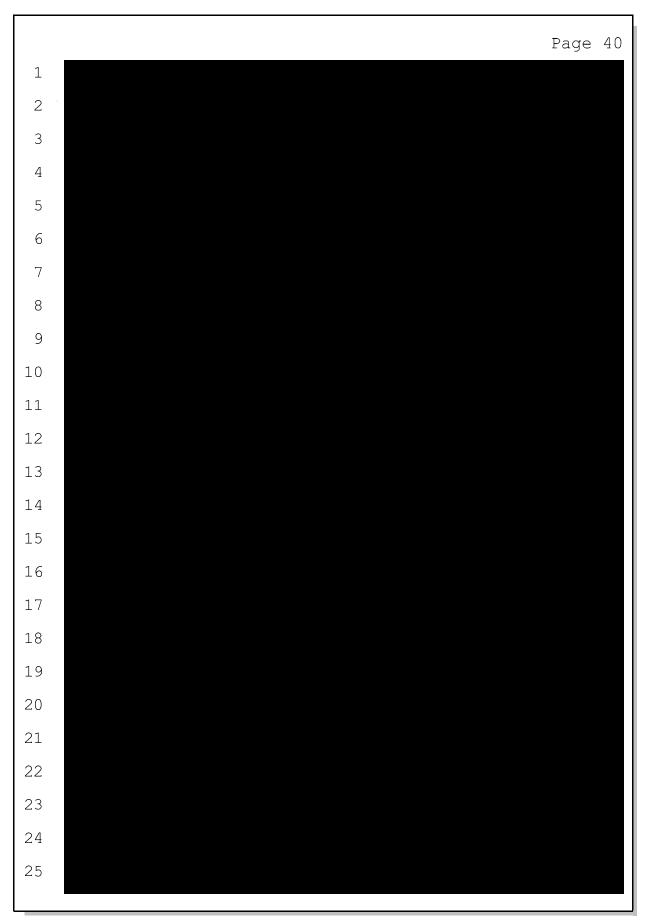
- 1 negations. And yes, I can confirm that all the concerns
- 2 were, in fact, addressed in the DSA. And that's just
- 3 the timeline of how these things were happening.
- 4 Q. Okay. So this scrub team review question and
- 5 answer log, which is another one of the documents that
- 6 you produced, it appears that there is a question date
- 7 on the left and an answer date on the right. These
- 8 dates generally precede the transaction review document;
- 9 is that fair?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. So the question and answer logs are the scrub
- 12 team looking at your project and asking you questions or
- 13 your team questions about it and then you answering
- 14 them. And then that culminated in the transaction
- 15 review sign off; is that right?
- 16 A. Yes, that's how I understand the process worked.
- 17 Q. Okay. And you got Jeff LaPratt -- on the project
- 18 team?
- 19 A. Jeff was on my project team. He worked for the
- 20 project director that reported to me.
- 21 O. Okay. So the scrub team would ask questions and
- 22 Jeff was responsible for communicating back what the
- 23 project team's answer was to these questions and tests
- 24 that were sort of put to the project team about the
- 25 proposal; is that right?

- 1 A. I don't -- I do not think Jeff acted in
- 2 isolation, no. I think Jeff had resources and folks,
- 3 for instance, the project director he reported to, maybe
- 4 Duke Energy legal, very cross-functional. So although
- 5 Jeff was respondent, he did not act in a vacuum or in
- 6 isolation in -- as these questions were discussed,
- 7 debated, and ultimately resolved.
- 8 Q. Okay. He's kind of the point person for the
- 9 project?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. So if you could go to the white paper
- 12 now, and turn to Page 4, under 2.3, scope --
- 13 A. Okay.
- 14 Q. -- it says: "DEF will submit a license transfer
- 15 application (LTA) to the NRC, whereby ADP will become
- 16 the licensed owner and operator of CR3."
- 17 Do you see that?
- 18 A. I do see that.
- 19 O. Is that -- is that completely accurate?
- 20 A. It is not how our agreement ended up. In the
- 21 agreement, as signed in May of 2019, Duke Energy Florida
- 22 continues to be the licensed owner of Crystal River 3,
- 23 other than the fuel that we typically referred to as the
- 24 ISFSI asset is a huge fuel asset. And that has been --
- 25 and that was communicated back to our senior management

Page 38 committee and to our -- to the members of the TRC. If you go to Page 1, under executive summary, and you go down to the third paragraph, it says: "ADP will receive a fixed amount of \$540 million to complete all decommissioning activity, including disboundment of existing of plant structures, the disposal of any waste, and the restoration of the land to allow it to be repurposed"; is that right? A. Yes, sir.



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10	That's the general agreement. I would need to
11	spend some more time looking at the details.
12	Q. Okay. I'm kind of interested in an answer to
13	this. So how much time would you need? What would you
14	need to do to figure that out?
15	A. I don't know. We can we can take a break.
16	And I can do some research.
17	Q. Well, let me do this, just so we don't lose this,
18	I'm going to identify a late-filed deposition exhibit.
19	MR. REHWINKEL: And, Madam Court Reporter,
20	we'll just where you list the exhibits, just list
21	the title and I'll give you for this and the page
22	where it's discussed. And then the company will be
23	responsible for providing it, and it won't have to go
24	through it won't have to go through you. It will
25	be sort of an arrangement that we have with them.

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              (Whereupon, Late-Filed Exhibit 2 was marked for
        identification.)
              MR. REHWINKEL: Danny, I would like to identify
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        a Late File Number 2. And it -- and it -- I'm just
        going to call it "ANI, NEIL, Premium" -- and I'm
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        going to put the word "assessment" in there --
        "Premium/Assessment Cost Responsibility" as the title
        of the late-filed exhibit.
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              And what I'd like to do is ask that you explain
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        who is going to be responsible for paying the
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        premiums for these two policies. And I put the word
        assessment in there because I think NEIL can
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       periodically assess its members for the -- in a way
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        to pay for costs of the insurance.
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              MR. HERNANDEZ: That works.
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              MR. REHWINKEL: We can -- if now is a good time
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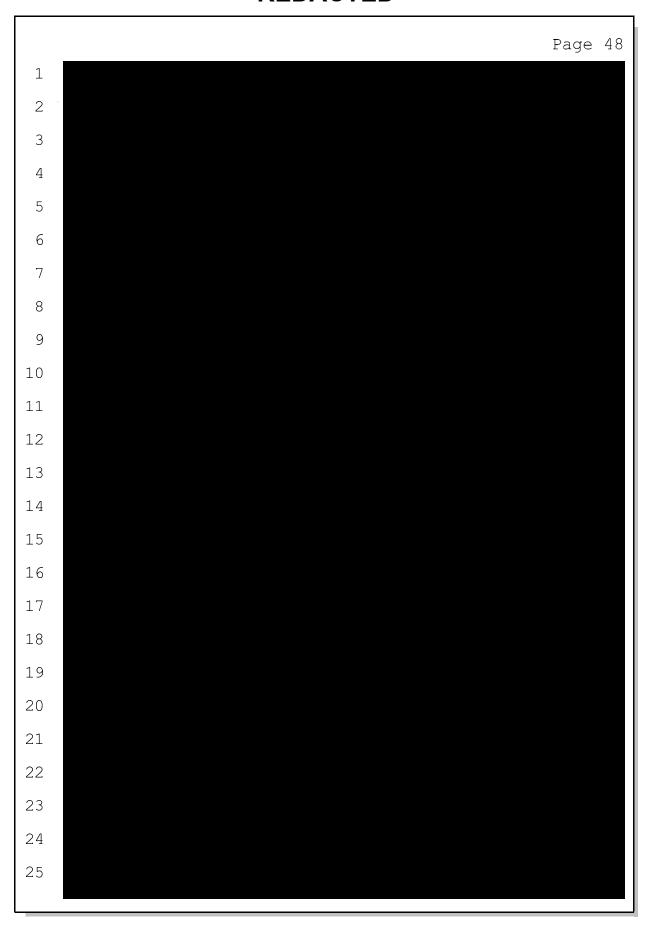
- 1 you-all determine that it takes -- needs more
- 2 research, we can just leave it as a late file;
- otherwise, he can answer it and we can use this
- 4 number again for something else.
- 5 MR. HERNANDEZ: All right. I think that will
- 6 work.
- 7 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 8 Q. Before we go off the record, Mr. Hobbs, do you
- 9 understand what I'm looking for?
- 10 A. Yes, sir, I do. I know it's here. I generally
- 11 believe that what I described to you was accurate, but I
- 12 need to confirm that.
- 13 Q. Yeah, I don't want you to guess. So I appreciate
- 14 it. Thank you.
- 15 MR. REHWINKEL: So let's take a ten-minute --
- we'll come back at 10:30.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 18 (Whereupon, a break was taken from 10:18 a.m.
- 19 to 10:33 a.m.)
- 20 MR. REHWINKEL: I think you have information or
- a response about the question that's pending?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Charles. As you
- indicated, we are going to take the option of filing
- the late-filed exhibit, Exhibit Number 2, to answer
- 25 the question that you posed. Mr. Hobbs briefly

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        right now, and could not find the answer. So we are
        going to provide the answer in the late-filed
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        exhibit.
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              MR. REHWINKEL: Okay. That's fine.
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     BY MR. REHWINKEL:
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        Q. Okay. So let's -- let's go to -- while we're on
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     into was, how -- how was the premium paid, and if there
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     is any money coming back, who does it go to? Duke
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Page 45 Energy Florida ADP? I will get those answers. It's in 1 the DSA. I just need time to go back and refresh my 3 memory. 4 BY MR. REHWINKEL: 5 Q. All right. 6 7 8 Yes, sir. 9 Q. 10 No. I think those second and third bullets are 11 still correct. And then I go to the next page, I think 12 that's still correct. The last bullet there, environmental pollution 13 insurance, 25 million coverage, is that the Item 8 on 14 Page 11 of your rebuttal testimony? 15 16 Α. What page again, please? 17 I apologize. Page 11 of your rebuttal. 18 I think that equates to the Number 8, the --19 the -- let me see what it says on the white paper. 20 I'm sorry. I've lost track of your question. 21 Ask me again, please. 22 The last bullet, Number 2.11, it -- it just says 23 environmental pollution insurance, \$25 million coverage. 24 Right. Α. 25 Q. And the question I have is: Is that -- is that

- 1 what is referred to in Item 8 on Page 11 of your
- 2 rebuttal?
- 3 A. Yes, it is. And the reason you see the
- 4 differences in the number is in the DSA, Attachment 16
- 5 is a sample of that policy. And it uses -- in the
- 6 sample, it uses the \$25 million policy, but I -- but
- 7 that's not in place yet. And I was informed a couple
- 8 weeks ago that the most recent quote that ADP has looked
- 9 at is the 30 million policy.
- 10 So it's the same policy, it's just until that
- 11 policy is established, the number, but it's going to be
- 12 in that range. It's in that 25 to 30 million dollar
- 13 range.
- Q. Okay. And it says "DEF will reimburse ADP" --
- 15 I'm back on Page 11 of your testimony, Line 7 -- I mean
- 16 5 and 6. "DEF will reimburse ADP CR3 for the cost of
- 17 this policy."
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Does that mean that that will be paid for out of
- 20 the -- out of the management side of the nuclear
- 21 decommissioning trust fund?
- 22 A. That will be an owner's cost that comes out of
- 23 the Crystal River reserve sum account.
- Q. Okay. Let's go back to Page 1 of the -- of the
- 25 white paper. And I guess it would be the sixth

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    paragraph down. It starts off with "project
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              MR. HERNANDEZ: Charles, tell me again what
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       you're looking for.
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              MR. REHWINKEL: 1 through 32. It's -- it's a
       POD3 response in the first set. It's a 32-page
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       document. I want to go to Page 28.
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              MR. MOYLE: What's the Bates Number page,
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       Charles?
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             MR. REHWINKEL: It's OPCPOD1-3-0000 and the 28.
             MR. HERNANDEZ: Charles, does it say, at the
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- top of the page, say "project cost management"?
- 2 MR. REHWINKEL: Yes. Yes.
- 3 MR. HERNANDEZ: I'm going to scroll to the top
- 4 of the document so that the witness can focus.
- 5 MR. REHWINKEL: Actually, just go back --
- 6 that's Page 5 of this -- of this slide presentation.
- 7 So just go back a few pages. You can see the title
- 8 of the document I want to ask about.
- 9 MR. HERNANDEZ: It looks like some meeting
- in -- it was a risk meeting, it looks like.
- 11 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 12 Q. The first page is CR3 commissioning risks,
- 13 January 22, 2019.
- 14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. All right.
- 15 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 16 Q. Are you familiar with this document?
- 17 A. I'm certain I have looked at this document.
- Q. Okay. Well, do you know why it would have been
- 19 prepared and who it would have been prepared for?
- 20 Actually, I think if you go to Page 23, there's
- 21 an email.
- 22 A. Okay. It says 7.
- MR. HERNANDEZ: No, that's not the page he is
- referring to. It says 30 there.
- So you want us to go to 23, Charles?

- 1 MR. REHWINKEL: Yeah. There's an email to Alan
- Fata, Lewis Camp, Steve Herrera.
- 3 A. Yes, I know those folks, yes.
- 4 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 5 Q. Okay. So what -- what were their roles in the
- 6 project?
- 7 A. Matt Holstein is in risk management. And I
- 8 believe, if I go back to the sign off sheet, Lewis Cule
- 9 is on Number 3, and Lewis is on there. Matt Holstein
- 10 works for Lewis. Alan Fata was the project director who
- 11 reported to me for the -- you know, from 2017 through
- 12 2019 to -- to go through the competitive bid process.
- 13 Let me see what other --
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. -- those are -- I do not know who Steve Herrera
- 16 is. But those are the people that I know.
- 17 Q. Okay. So three people who were initially
- 18 involved in the development of the project are on this
- 19 email. And --
- 20 A. He is -- yes. And this is related to what
- 21 ultimately went through to the TRC scrub and to the TRC.
- 22 Q. Okay. So let's now turn back to Slide 5, which
- 23 is Page 28 of the POD.
- 24 A. Okay.
- Q. And I would ask you to look at -- it says

- 1 "project costs and fund management." Look at this and
- 2 see if there's anything on here that you disagree with
- 3 or that changed or turned out not to be what was assumed
- 4 in the DSA.
- 5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 6 A. So I would start with the second bullet,
- 7 Mr. Rehwinkel. The ADP balance changes almost on a
- 8 daily basis.
- 9 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. The third bullet, cost to DEF will be 540
- 12 million, the remaining cost to be covered. So the
- 13 820 -- the 820 million, as it says there, includes split
- 14 fuel management. So -- and remember, we're not
- 15 paying -- Duke Energy Florida is not paying for any
- 16 spent fuel management from our nuclear decommissioning
- 17 trust fund. So that's the context of this.
- 18 At the time that this was discussed, the decision
- 19 to sell the fuel assets had not been completed. And so
- 20 that decision was made. And therefore, the 540 never
- 21 changed, but the total cost of the project is not part
- 22 of Duke Energy. That is internal to ADP. So that's
- 23 what the 820 is.
- ADP, the bullet that says ADP is responsible for
- 25 the cost overruns and earning shortfalls is true in the

- 1 DSA. ADP, they do take the risk if their investment
- 2 strategy turns out to not be good and there's a loss on
- 3 the subaccount, the IOI decommissioning subaccount,
- 4 rather than earnings. DEF will retain, that's still
- 5 true.
- 6 DEF will direct the trustee to pay ADP from the
- 7 subaccount as verified by the third party. The bullet
- 8 on the bottom where it refers to the third party, that
- 9 actually is going to be done by Duke Energy Florida,
- 10 especially the first year to two years. So I would say
- 11 that has evolved since this was put together.
- 12 The third party in this case would be an agent
- 13 for Duke Energy. We have a way to bring people in on a
- 14 part-time basis, if needed. So that was the reference
- 15 there.
- 16 And then funds will be returned, yeah. When
- 17 the -- the fourth is still correct. Currently, funds
- 18 not used during the project will be returned once the
- 19 spent fuel and Greater-Than-Class C waste is off site,
- 20 the deconstructed final site surveys. And then
- 21 ultimately, the NRC terminates the NRC license. So
- 22 those are the updates. I forget the date of this. I
- 23 think it was early on, wasn't it?
- 24 Q. January 22nd?
- 25 A. Yes, it would be the updates on what ultimately

- 1 ended up in the decommissioning services agreement.
- Q. Okay. So let's just talk about Bullet 3 and 4
- 3 together.
- 4 A. Okay.
- 5 Q. So you're saying that this -- this number isn't
- 6 correct as to Duke's cost, but is it still a cost of the
- decommissioning, except that the difference between 540
- 8 and 820 is to be recovered -- is the responsibility of
- 9 ADP by either -- whatever -- whatever funds they have,
- 10 if they get more money out of their side of the trust
- 11 fund or they get recovery from DOE for maintaining the
- 12 spent fuel because there's not a permanent repository,
- is that -- is that 820 still the overall bogey?
- 14 A. I do not know. As we went through the
- 15 negotiations and we decide to -- decided to enter into
- 16 the purchase and sell agreement, the 540 is the 540 that
- 17 Duke Energy Florida is going to pay. And in the DSA, it
- 18 specifically does not allow Duke Energy to pay for any
- 19 spent fuel management costs.
- 20 So whatever the spent fuel management cost
- 21 estimates that ADP has, they will self fund from
- 22 whatever means. They will either get into litigation or
- 23 reach an agreement with DOE reimbursement of whatever
- 24 percentage of the funds that DOE finds they should
- 25 reimburse.

- Q. Okay. So the 820 was your estimate, but ADP may
- 2 have a different number; is that right?
- 3 A. No, sir. The 820, I believe -- I would have to
- 4 go look -- comes from ADP's original proposal submitted
- 5 to Duke Energy on July -- I think it was July 27, 2018.
- 6 So that is ADP's estimate of spent fuel management
- 7 costs, not Duke Energy's.
- 8 So that's why I don't know what their current
- 9 estimate is. That's their internal estimation.
- 10 Q. Let's go to the next page, which is Bates 29 and
- 11 Page 6 of the presentation.
- 12 A. Okay.
- Q. Okay. I think in your testimony, regardless of
- 14 whether its the word "implementation" or "execution
- 15 risk," you're saying that all of the risk, except for
- 16 the End-State Condition, is contractually shifted to
- 17 ADP. Do I understand that correctly?
- 18 A. Yes, that's what I have stated in my testimony.
- 19 O. Okay. So let's just talk about where these risks
- 20 fall.
- 21 The vendor is unable to perform work, that risk,
- 22 where is -- what kind of risk is that and who bears
- 23 that?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 25 A. That is ADP's risk.

- 1 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- Q. Vendor becomes financially insolvent, you're
- 3 saying that's ADP's risk?
- 4 A. Yes, that is ADP's risk.
- 5 Q. Project falls behind schedule?
- 6 A. That is ADP's risk. The schedule performance of
- 7 ADP is covered in detail in the DSA.
- 8 O. Vendor/subcontractors don't have technical
- 9 expertise required, that's ADP's risk?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. Nuclear or environmental incident, whose risk is
- 12 that?
- 13 A. That is ADP's risk.
- 14 Q. In every conceivable circumstance, it's theirs?
- 15 A. I am sure I have not considered every conceivable
- 16 circumstance, so no, I don't know that.
- 17 Q. Spent fuel not removed on time?
- 18 A. That is -- that is ADP's risk since they will be
- 19 the owner of that fuel until it is taken off the Crystal
- 20 River site to either an interim or permanent repository.
- Q. Inadequate performance assurance?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 23 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- O. Whose risk is that?
- 25 A. That would be ADP's risk.

- 1 Q. Damage to other Crystal River facilities, whose
- 2 risk is that?
- 3 A. ADP's risk.
- 4 Q. And change in NRC regulations?
- 5 A. That is ADP's risk, with the exception of a
- 6 change in End-State Condition.
- 7 Q. Are you familiar with the Environmental Liability
- 8 Provision 6.3 and the indemnification provisions in
- 9 Article 30?
- 10 A. I would say I'm familiar, but those, to me, are
- 11 very legal terms. As I said, I'm not a lawyer. So
- 12 my -- I understand them generally at a high level,
- 13 certainly not to any detail.
- Q. So let's go to Page 49 and Provision 6.3,
- 15 environmental liabilities.
- 16 A. Are you in the DSA, sir?
- 17 Q. Yes, sir. I apologize. That's where I am.
- 18 A. That would be the section again, 6.3?
- 19 O. 6.3, yes.
- 20 A. Okay. I'm there.
- 21 O. So I had asked you from the slide about nuclear
- 22 or environmental incident.
- 23 Is it your understanding that this provision here
- 24 makes it clear that the -- the responsibility for any
- 25 environmental incident is -- is ADP's?

- 1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 2 A. Yes, this -- this is stating that it is an ADP
- 3 risk with respect to environmental liabilities.
- 4 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 5 Q. Okay. If there is, for whatever reason, an
- 6 accident or something where the spent fuel containers
- 7 are breached and there's a release of radiological
- 8 material either into the atmosphere or into the ground,
- 9 is it your -- is it the intent that that responsibility
- 10 is all ADP's and Duke does not have a risk for being a
- 11 responsible party?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 13 A. An event of the type you just described,
- 14 Mr. Rehwinkel, would be between the government agency
- 15 and the licensee, who, in this case, is Accelerated
- 16 Decommissioning Partners.
- 17 That's part of the reasoning and the
- 18 decision-making to do the licensed transfer application
- 19 that we discussed earlier this morning.
- 20 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 21 Q. Was that a long way of saying yes?
- 22 A. I suppose so.
- 23 Q. Okay. How do you understand the indemnification
- 24 provisions in 13.1 and 13.2 to work, given that you're
- 25 not a lawyer?

- 1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- A. As explained to me, especially in 13.2, that we
- 3 would not hold ADP responsible for conditions
- 4 discovered, for example, on property adjacent to our
- 5 property, but not associated with the nuclear
- 6 decommissioning or scope of work that ADP will
- 7 perform -- you know, that ADP contributed. That's my
- 8 understanding of 13.2.
- 9 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 10 O. What about 13.1?
- 11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 12 A. The way I understand it, it says that if there
- 13 are conditions that the contractor will hold the
- 14 company, with no damage, if there are conditions caused
- 15 by the conduct of their work or their affiliates or
- 16 subcontractors.
- 17 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 18 Q. So if, heaven forbid, there is a nuclear -- an
- 19 accident with radiological -- harmful radiological
- 20 material released into the environment and you and ADP
- 21 are sued, ADP has to defend that lawsuit and hold you
- 22 harmless for any damages that are assigned to you by a
- 23 court?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 25 A. That's beyond what I would try to postulate. I

- 1 think I have explained to you my understanding of that.
- 2 So I don't know.
- 3 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 4 Q. Okay. If -- if you are sued as the owner of the
- 5 property, despite the provisions that assign
- 6 environmental liabilities and risks to ADP, and ADP, for
- 7 whatever reason, doesn't indemnify you or hold you
- 8 harmless, what would your -- what would your options be?
- 9 Would you -- would you have to pay and recover that from
- 10 the customers?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 12 A. I wouldn't speculate on what that might look
- 13 like. I don't know.
- 14 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 15 Q. Okay. All right. My question is just trying to
- 16 understand kind of what the boundaries are, the rules
- 17 that -- that have been assigned in this. And I -- I
- 18 think --
- 19 So let me ask you this: Your testimony is that,
- 20 other than End-State Conditions, that the customers of
- 21 Duke should not expect to bear any costs associated with
- 22 harm that comes from an environmental accident over the
- 23 process of this entire decommissioning project; is
- 24 that -- is that accurate?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.

- 1 A. Yes, that is -- that is what my testimony says,
- 2 that Duke Energy has a risk of a change in End-State
- 3 Conditions.
- 4 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 5 Q. All right. Let's go back to the white paper.
- 6 And let me ask you to turn to Page 15.
- 7 MR. HERNANDEZ: What page did you say, Charles?
- 8 MR. REHWINKEL: 1-5, 15.
- 9 A. All right.
- 10 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 11 Q. And I want to ask you to look at the top half,
- 12 above -- I guess it's 4.2, stakeholder discussion.
- 13 And right there above Section 5, assessment of
- 14 adhered to corporate governance, there's a paragraph
- 15 that starts "after the deal closes."
- 16 Do you see that?
- 17 A. I do see that.
- 18 Q. You see that paragraph?
- 19 A. Yes, sir, I do.
- 20 Q. Okay. There is a sentence that says: "DEF will
- 21 also require ADP to submit monthly and quarterly reports
- 22 and undergo annual audits."
- 23 Is that still the case?
- 24 A. It is, yes.
- Q. So there would be monthly reports required?

- 1 A. The context of the monthly reports are the
- 2 detailed reports that Duke Energy would get in
- 3 conjunction with the monthly invoice so that Duke Energy
- 4 can ensure that we are only paying for work completed.
- 5 Q. And then under Section 5, the last sentence on
- 6 that page, it says: "The counterparty will become the
- 7 NRC licensed owner and operator."
- 8 We talked about that's now just the operator,
- 9 right?
- 10 A. Yes, sir, correct.
- 11 Q. "Will have responsibility to complete the D&D
- 12 project. DEF will not have significant ongoing role."
- 13 Is that -- is that still correct?
- 14 A. Yes, that's still correct.
- DEF will have an owner's role. And I described
- 16 the primary role, which is to -- if you go back to the
- 17 paragraph that we were just discussing, DEF role will be
- 18 to ensure on a monthly basis we're only paying for work
- 19 completed.
- 20 And then you'll also notice from a Duke Energy
- 21 Florida reputational perspective, we built into
- 22 Attachment 9 of the service agreement, that that would
- 23 be made public, that DEF would be informed -- I think
- 24 generally within 24 hours. So that would be the second
- 25 role that Duke Energy had on an ongoing -- on an ongoing

- 1 basis.
- Q. So if I go back up to the first sentence I asked
- 3 you about, in the top half of the page, after the
- 4 monthly reports and annual audits sentence, it says:
- 5 "DEF will use this information to validate performance,
- 6 ensure financial sufficiency, and inform internal
- 7 stakeholders of the project status."
- 8 Did I read that right?
- 9 A. Yes, sir, you did.
- 10 Q. So would the monthly reports be used to validate
- 11 performance?
- 12 A. Yes, that's how Duke Energy Florida will ensure
- 13 we're only paying money from the trust fund for work
- 14 that is completed.
- 15 Q. Okay. And that's not the point --
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. Well, go back over the -- page --
- 18 A. The whole paragraph, when you think about
- 19 performance, included in Attachment 9 -- let me make
- 20 sure that's there, the attachment I'm thinking it is.
- 21 Reporting and notification requirements. There's a good
- 22 bit of detail in Attachment 9, and it's quarterly and
- 23 monthly. So there are things such as regulatory
- 24 submittals, violations from government agencies,
- 25 notifications to government agencies, updated schedules.

- 1 There's -- Duke Energy will be familiar with the
- 2 overall performance in many aspects during the 6 1/2
- 3 years of this project.
- 4 Q. Okay. If I go back to Page 14 of the white
- 5 paper, under regulators -- you see the regulators box
- 6 there?
- 7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Regulators?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 10 Q. It says -- the last item says: "The Florida
- 11 Public Service Commission will continue interfacing with
- 12 DEF, monitoring the sufficiency of the nuclear
- decommissioning trust fund, which DEF will manage, and
- 14 receiving routine reports about the decommissioning
- 15 project."
- 16 Did I read that right?
- 17 A. Yes, you did.
- 18 Q. What is -- what is the -- what routine reports
- 19 would the commission get?
- 20 A. When we wrote this paper, we knew that we would
- 21 come before the commission and we would -- that we would
- 22 continue to be regulated by the commission. And we knew
- 23 that the commission would likely let us know what their
- 24 informational desires would be. And what we were
- 25 communicating here is that we would, in fact, keep

- 1 whatever request was finalized for the commission.
- Q. If the commission requires a level of reporting
- 3 that you had not contemplated, would that impact the
- 4 deal?
- 5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 6 A. No, I don't think it would affect the deal. I
- 7 think Duke Energy Florida would want to be transparent
- 8 with the commission. And I can't think of a situation,
- 9 what we wouldn't share, that is available to Duke Energy
- 10 Florida.
- 11 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 12 Q. So your answer there doesn't apply to the monthly
- 13 reporting recommendation of Mr. Polich?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 15 A. We wrote this 15 months before I saw Mr. Polich.
- 16 I haven't tried to do any comparisons of any of these
- 17 documents.
- 18 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 19 O. That's fair.
- 20 I'm just trying to understand if the commission
- 21 said, We'll -- we'll order you to do what Mr. Polich
- 22 says on a monthly reporting, is that -- I'm trying to
- 23 understand if that sort of concept -- if the commission
- 24 wants it, is it within the scope of what you
- 25 contemplated here or is it something more that would

- 1 change the balance of the deal that you struck?
- 2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 3 Charles, Hobbs doesn't have Mr. Polich's
- 4 recommendations in front of him. It might be helpful
- for him to do that, get them in front of him to take
- 6 a look at them.
- 7 MR. REHWINKEL: Okay. I thought he said he had
- 8 it with him when I asked him at the beginning. Maybe
- 9 I didn't ask that.
- 10 MR. HERNANDEZ: I don't know if -- the
- late-filed exhibit to Mr. Polich's deposition.
- MR. REHWINKEL: No, I didn't have -- I didn't
- 13 ask that to be here.
- But let's do this. I'll just park this --
- 15 A. So I think -- I think in Mr. Polich's testimony,
- 16 when I looked at the five items, he -- I didn't -- it
- 17 says -- so he recommended including establishment
- 18 reporting requirements for the commission.
- 19 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 20 Q. I can read you -- if you'll accept my
- 21 representation, I'll read you from Page 27 and 28 of his
- 22 testimony exactly what he was recommending.
- Would that be helpful?
- 24 A. I think I've read it. I'm looking over my
- 25 testimony, Mr. Rehwinkel, to see if I have commented on

- 1 this -- this topic.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. It's silent on commission reporting in my
- 4 testimony.
- 5 Q. Okay. Well -- so I guess what I'm trying to
- 6 understand is: There have been a lot of comments about
- 7 if you pose any changes to reopen the deal and delay
- 8 things.
- 9 So I guess I'm trying to understand your
- 10 perspective on whether if Mr. Polich's Item Number 4
- 11 with the -- take any Attachment 9 reports and making
- 12 them monthly instead of quarterly, if that would change,
- if the commission wanted to see those reports and see
- 14 them monthly instead of quarterly.
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 16 A. My perspective is that any changes to the DSA
- 17 will result in this DSA not closing, and the -- and the
- 18 benefits contained in could be lost. Duke Energy would
- 19 need to -- to regroup and look at, basically, what are
- 20 our options? We could renegotiate. We could sit in
- 21 SAFSTOR. We can go back and start a new competitive
- 22 bidding process. So I don't know which of those we
- 23 would do.
- 24 But I feel strongly that the DSA that we agreed
- 25 to on May 29, 2019, is the -- that's the transaction we

- 1 are looking to get approval from the commission.
- 2 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 3 O. So was that threat --
- 4 A. I'm not a threatening person, so I don't agree
- 5 that's the way. I think that I would say there's
- 6 tremendous benefit and protection for our Duke Energy
- 7 customers and that taking them as a whole, it is a very
- 8 good transaction for our customers.
- 9 Q. Okay. Yeah, I -- I was not ascribing that
- 10 question to your personality. I would agree with you,
- 11 you're not that kind of person.
- 12 But would it be fair to -- if -- to assume that
- 13 the commission might see that they were presented with a
- 14 take it or leave it approach by the company?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 16 A. That's certainly not how I would attempt to
- 17 explain this transaction to the commission.
- 18 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 19 Q. Okay. And let's go to your direct testimony, if
- 20 we can.
- 21 On Page 9, at the bottom of 9, there's a sentence
- 22 that starts on Line 22: "The transaction is
- 23 structured." And it continues over to Page 10.
- 24 A. Yes, I see that.
- Q. I want to ask you -- are you there yet?

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. It says: "The transaction is structured to
- 3 transfer execution risks to ADP CR3, as well as provide
- 4 financial assurance measures to ensure ADP's legal
- 5 commitments."
- 6 Did I read that right?
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Are the words "assurance" and "ensure," as used
- 9 in that sentence, the equivalent of guarantee --
- 10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 11 A. I think it's financial assurance. I'm not sure
- 12 what your definition of guarantee is. If -- I think my
- 13 view of assurance is that there is a lot of protections
- 14 to get to the interim End-State Conditions as described
- in the DSA, but we also say there are certain risks
- 16 remaining that could affect that, but that we feel the
- 17 way we have structured the protections in the DSA, we
- 18 have mitigated those risks as well as we can.
- 19 O. It says in the next sentence: "The fixed price
- 20 will leave reserves in the NDT that can be used to
- 21 address potential significant emergent issues."
- Do you see that part of the sentence?
- 23 A. I do.
- Q. So when you say "will leave reserves," you're
- 25 saying that by carving out 540 from whatever the balance

- 1 is, that will, by definition, leave the -- what do you
- 2 call that subaccount? What's your term for it?
- 3 A. Crystal River reserve subaccount.
- 4 Q. Okay. That, by definition, there will be dollars
- 5 in the Crystal River reserve subaccount; is that right?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. What is meant by "significant emergent issues"?
- 8 A. I didn't try to speculate what those might be. I
- 9 do describe some of them in my rebuttal testimony. But
- 10 this is just being transparent that that money that's in
- 11 the Crystal River reserve subaccount was collected and
- 12 invested to grow for the purposes of decommissioning and
- 13 without trying to speculate a particular scenario, that
- 14 to get to the -- End-State -- or interim End-State
- 15 Conditions, that is another source of funds to -- to
- 16 reach that end.
- 17 Q. So does that mean that some of the subaccount --
- 18 Crystal River reserve subaccount dollars could
- 19 ultimately be paid to ADP above the 540 million, plus
- 20 earnings on their side of the account or the trust fund?
- 21 A. That could be a possibility. Clearly, that would
- 22 be a huge decision for Duke Energy. And of course, we
- 23 would certainly communicate that likely, including to
- 24 the commission, and, again, in the vein of transparency.
- 25 The purpose of the successful project to the end point

- 1 of establishing holding conditions.
- Q. Okay. Go to Page 11 of your direct. What is
- 3 your definition of End-State Conditions?
- 4 A. End-State Conditions is a defined term in the
- 5 DSA. It says: "Contractor satisfied all of the ISFSI
- 6 only End-State Condition. Contract" -- "B, contractor
- 7 must fully perform all of his objections under the
- 8 license determination plan as approved by the NRC,
- 9 including removal of spent fuel from NRC license
- 10 commission site and the decommissioning of the ISFSI."
- 11 And there are several other meanings. And the --
- 12 so that's the longer term, once the fuel storage is
- 13 part -- part of this large definition refers to a
- 14 Florida Department of Environmental Protection letter
- 15 that is included here. And it establishes three
- 16 conditions. It's that the -- the facility walls, once
- 17 all of the radioactivity is removed, it will be removed
- 18 at 3 feet below grade. Secondly, they will be filled
- 19 with clean concrete. And third, reading the NRC
- 20 regulation of a dose rate to a person less than or equal
- 21 to 25 million per year.
- Those are the three End-State Conditions.
- Q. So the ADP -- to get to End-State Condition, just
- 24 so I understand, ADP has to reduce radiation to a
- 25 certain level before you can be at the End-State

- 1 Condition?
- A. Yes, sir. By NRC regulation.
- Q. Okay. Okay. And so -- and so until they do,
- 4 you're -- the risk is still on their side of the fence.
- 5 Once they get to that point and all of these other
- 6 things happen, then any risk that -- that DEP or -- or
- 7 some other regulator says you have to do more, dig down
- 8 deeper or do some -- something that wasn't contemplated,
- 9 that risk is on you?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. So we talked -- on Page 10, on Line 2, you -- you
- 12 used the phrase "significant emergent issue." And then
- on Line 11 -- on Page 11, Line 15, in that second
- 14 sentence there, you say "if an extreme issue emerges."
- 15 Are those the same things?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Yes?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 O. Okay. Those aren't defined terms anywhere.
- You're just saying these are things that you didn't
- 21 contemplate, but that would be bad?
- 22 A. Yeah, I think we were just merely recognizing
- 23 that you can't foresee everything that may come in a
- 24 lifecycle of a project, and that we did build
- 25 protections in the DSA, even though we don't know what

- 1 it may be. We built a lot of protections within the DSA
- 2 to -- to account for them the best we could.
- 3 Q. Okay. So going to Page 15, on Line 11 -- well,
- 4 starting on Line 10, it says: "Accordingly, DEF does
- 5 not foresee the need to raise customer rates to fund a
- 6 proposed transaction."
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. DEF is not willing to guarantee that you will
- 10 never need to raise customer rates as a part of this
- 11 transaction anywhere along the timeline?
- 12 A. No, sir, we are not.
- Q. And why is that?
- 14 A. Because we cannot foresee the future.
- 15 Q. So when it says on Lines 20 to 22, on the same
- 16 page, it says: "The study confirms that DEF expects to
- 17 be able to complete the decommissioning without needing
- 18 additional funds from our customers and Duke
- 19 shareholders."
- 20 Did I read that right?
- 21 A. Yes, sir, you did.
- 22 Q. When it says that -- confirms here is not a
- 23 guarantee?
- 24 A. It is not. That is the outcome of our analysis.
- Q. On the next page, Line 16, the first eight lines,

- 1 there's a discussion sort of about the -- the balance of
- 2 the -- of the NDF and sort of where the project dollars
- 3 are expected to be.
- 4 A. Right.
- 5 O. And it has a number on Line 6 of the
- 6 \$641 million. Do you know what that number is today,
- 7 what the -- and I know it changes every day, but what is
- 8 your most recent estimate of that number?
- 9 A. My most recent knowledge is -- and after tax
- 10 value is \$660 million. That's -- that's been within the
- 11 last three weeks.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. That's an approximation.
- 14 Q. Is there -- go ahead. I apologize.
- 15 A. That's -- I just wanted to say it's approximately
- 16 \$620 million. It's not an exact number.
- 17 Q. Okay. And that's why I said "estimate." Because
- 18 I know it changes daily.
- 19 Is there a document -- when did -- well, let me
- 20 step back.
- 21 I think the plant was -- told the NRC in
- 22 February -- was it 2013 that it ceased operation?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Before that time, were there any funds taken out
- of the nuclear decommissioning trust fund?

- 1 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 2 Q. So if we took that as a beginning point, is there
- 3 a document that kind of shows disbursements from the --
- 4 the nuclear decommissioning trust fund?
- 5 A. There are documents for disbursements. It's part
- 6 of our Duke Energy process.
- 7 Q. You said there are not?
- 8 A. There are. Yes, sir, there are.
- 9 Q. Is there a way -- can I ask for a late-filed
- 10 exhibit that would just be -- what I'm looking for is a
- 11 ledger of some sort that just shows expenditures from
- 12 the fund. And if it's -- if there's one that has debits
- 13 and credits that shows changes, that's fine.
- 14 But I'm really looking for out -- outflows. Is
- 15 that something you think would be readily available?
- 16 A. I don't know. I mean, clearly, from a financial
- 17 controls, I'm sure that those -- that's known. You
- 18 know, that's been over seven years.
- 19 O. Yeah.
- 20 MR. REHWINKEL: Let me do this. We'll identify
- 21 this as Late-Filed Number 3.
- 22 (Whereupon, Late-Filed Exhibit 3 was marked for
- 23 identification.) And.
- 24 MR. REHWINKEL: And I'm looking for
- 25 disbursements from -- we'll call it, for a short

- 1 title, Disbursements From NDT.
- 2 And I'm looking for disbursements from the fund
- 3 since February of 2013. And I'm really looking for
- 4 it in a summary fashion just so we can see what
- 5 dollars generally left the -- the fund. And this
- 6 will be up to the most recent posting. I -- you
- 7 know, you could cut it off at May 31st, if that would
- 8 be a convenient number.
- 9 Dianne, you're leaning into the picture. Did
- 10 you have something to say?
- 11 MS. TRIPLETT: Yeah. This is Dianne Triplett.
- I wanted to ask, Terry, when we make annual
- filings to NRC, is that -- is that information
- 14 something that -- and those are publicly available.
- 15 Terry, do you know, is that something that has that
- 16 level of detail? And I'm asking because I know
- there's a short period of time before the hearing,
- and I want to make sure that this is not some big
- 19 ask.
- 20 If it's something pushing a button, easy to
- 21 get. And I don't think Terry knows how difficult.
- 22 So I'm trying to --
- MR. REHWINKEL: I mean --
- 24 MS. TRIPLETT: And I don't know if it's -- I
- 25 was trying to see if we could --

- 1 MR. REHWINKEL: I'm going to make the request.
- And we can talk offline about what's the best way,
- 3 what -- if there's a summary fashion. It's really
- 4 not for us to go and sort of forensically look at
- 5 what you spent.
- 6 Just kind of want to see the activity over --
- over the years. And if there's some high-level
- 8 document that summarizes it, I'm happy with that.
- 9 MS. TRIPLETT: Okay.
- 10 MR. REHWINKEL: Does that make sense?
- 11 MS. TRIPLETT: Yeah, I think so. I just wanted
- it clear for the record that -- that we may just --
- 13 you and I can talk it out. It helps me understand
- 14 what it is that you're looking for.
- MR. REHWINKEL: Yeah.
- MS. TRIPLETT: Thank you.
- 17 MR. REHWINKEL: Okay.
- 18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Dianne, if you obviously come
- 19 up with that document, I'd like to as well.
- 20 MS. TRIPLETT: I think that we always give all
- of the parties the late-filed deposition exhibits.
- MR. MOYLE: Right.
- 23 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- Q. And then on lines -- same page, Page 16, Line 16
- 25 through 19, you talk about funding expected to be

- 1 provided by the US DOE.
- 2 You see that?
- 3 A. Yes, I do.
- 4 Q. All right. There is an estimate, I believe, of
- 5 about \$90 million that you expect to receive -- you,
- 6 DEF, expect to receive from the DOE based on litigation
- 7 that has been concluded.
- 8 That 90 million isn't part of the DOE funds that
- 9 are being discussed at this part of your testimony; is
- 10 that correct?
- 11 A. So there are the -- let me -- there is current
- 12 DOE litigation in progress. Our assumption of that
- 13 overall litigation, approximately \$90 million will be --
- 14 go back into the trust fund. It will go into the
- 15 nonqualified trust fund.
- 16 And in the white paper presentation, you see that
- 17 90 million increase in the year 2022. That is still our
- 18 estimate. That is for Duke Energy Florida spent fuel
- 19 management cost from a trust fund from -- I think the
- 20 years in litigation are maybe 2016 to 2018. One of the
- 21 managers that works for me is our -- he is our person
- 22 involved in that.
- The ISFSI project is also in that litigation, but
- 24 that's not what this is talking about. This is
- 25 strictly -- my testimony was talking about the part of

- 1 that overall litigation that is related to our Crystal
- 2 River 3 nuclear decommissioning trust fund and how those
- 3 funds, whatever they end up being, will go back into the
- 4 overall trust fund.
- 5 And our estimate, as you saw in the white paper,
- 6 and we see that in 2022, and that's still just an
- 7 estimate.
- 8 Q. Okay. But those dollars, that 90 million
- 9 estimate, those dollars will be -- they will be in the
- 10 trust fund. They won't be available to ADP for their
- 11 cost to manage the -- the --
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. -- ISFSI facility, right?
- 14 A. Correct. That comes back into the -- the way I
- 15 think about it, it goes back into the Crystal River
- 16 reserve account, although it will be in the nonqualified
- 17 portion of that subaccount.
- 18 Q. And when you say "nonqualified," that relates to
- 19 the tax status of it?
- 20 A. Yes, as I understand it.
- 21 O. Okay. I think you said that was on the white
- 22 paper, but might that have been in the -- in the slide
- 23 presentation?
- 24 A. I think it's in both. Let me look real quick.
- Q. Look at the slide presentation on page -- Bates

- 1 Page 36 or Slide Page 12.
- 2 A. On Page 12?
- Q. Well, it's the slide presentation on Page 12 at
- 4 the bottom.
- 5 A. Okay.
- Q. You see that it's got a schematic transaction
- 7 trust fund structure?
- 8 And this shows -- let me ask you this: Is this
- 9 accurate or was it -- I guess, at the time, it was
- 10 accurate?
- 11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 12 Is it accurate?
- 13 A. This was accurate at the time. This preceded the
- 14 ownership decisions.
- 15 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 16 Q. Okay. So --
- 17 A. It's not accurate today.
- 18 Q. What's the -- what's inaccurate today?
- 19 A. The ISFSI holding interim -- so the management
- 20 reserve flows back and forth based on where it is. The
- 21 second box to the right is the 540 fixed-price contract.
- 22 The box below it that says "ISFSI decommissioning
- 23 account," that is now zero. When ADP purchased the
- 24 fuel, they would be accountable to fund that from their
- 25 funding source. That is no longer anything Duke Energy

- 1 will pay from the trust fend.
- Below it is the DOE recovery. You can see those
- 3 numbers have been moved around over -- over time. At
- 4 the time, it looks like it was 113. And now I think
- 5 they're saying around 90.
- 6 If I go -- if I keep moving to the right --
- 7 Q. Before you move to the right, it says 131. It
- 8 says in 2022.
- 9 A. Right. And I think that would have been this...
- 10 Q. Okay. What was the -- and it says 534.6 million
- in the ISFSI-only interim IOI decommissioning account --
- 12 A. Right.
- Q. -- why did that number change?
- 14 A. Because we decided to pay -- to -- well, the
- 15 agreement is that ADP will purchase the fuel and the
- 16 other assets. So once that happens, Duke Energy can no
- 17 longer pay for the -- for the -- for that
- 18 decommissioning account.
- 19 O. Why is that different from the 540?
- 20 A. At one point, this was 540. This was part of the
- 21 540. In the final agreement, it's not. The 540 is the
- 22 540.
- Q. Well, if I go to Page 3 of this, under
- 24 transaction funding, it says: "ADP commenced to fixed
- 25 price of 540 million for the project."

- 1 So I guess I was wondering why is it the same
- 2 document says 540 is the number?
- 3 A. 540 is the agreed amount. That's the amount we
- 4 agreed to. When all the -- when all the changes were
- 5 completed, that was the negotiated amount.
- 6 Q. Well, if you look at the two boxes, aren't the --
- 7 those two, don't they total to 540?
- 8 A. Yes, they do.
- 9 Q. Okay. So explain to me again. I apologize for
- 10 being dense about this.
- 11 How does -- it looks like you have 540 that were
- 12 broken into two categories. And now you're saying that
- 13 the number of the -- in the decommissioning account
- 14 would be zero?
- 15 A. That is what I'm saying, yes. It's zero for Duke
- 16 Energy Florida; it is not zero for ADP.
- 17 Q. Okay. You were about to explain something about
- 18 outside of that big box.
- 19 A. Well, what had changed on the slide since it was
- 20 produced.
- I think the box on the provisional trust, I think
- 22 that is still correct.
- 23 Q. Okay. All right. But you don't have any
- 24 understanding of why 131 is now 90?
- 25 A. I do not.

- 1 Q. If you -- what would you do to find out?
- A. Well, that's ongoing litigation. I suppose we
- 3 could go and get an update on the status of that
- 4 litigation.
- 5 Q. So that \$131 million, based on the current
- 6 estimate, and it's kind of a material amount of money.
- 7 I guess I'd like to understand why the estimate of
- 8 131 million in March of 2019 is -- is now 90, if there's
- 9 a way to understand how those numbers changed.
- 10 Do you think you could find that out for me?
- 11 A. I don't know.
- 12 Q. Okay. Well, let me try.
- 13 MR. REHWINKEL: I'll make it Late-Filed
- 14 Number 4. And we'll just call it the Explanation of
- Difference Between 131 and 90 Million, DOE Recovery.
- 16 (Whereupon, Late-Filed Exhibit 4 was marked for
- 17 identification.)
- 18 MS. TRIPLETT: Where is that?
- 19 THE WITNESS: TRC presentation, Page 12.
- 20 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- Q. Do you understand my question regarding to
- 22 whether you know whether you can answer it or not?
- 23 A. You just want to know why the numbers changed?
- 24 Q. Yes.
- 25 All right. One last question about your direct.

- 1 If I could get you to turn to Page 17.
- 2 A. Okay. I'm there.
- Q. And on page -- on Line 5, it says: "This
- 4 transaction locks in the cost to complete the project,
- 5 provides sound contractual provisions to support
- 6 ADP CR3's and ADP SF1's contractual commitments, and
- 7 enables DEF to complete the project decades sooner than
- 8 under a SAFSTOR model." And it goes on.
- 9 I just want to ask you about the phrase "locks in
- 10 the cost." That sounds like a guarantee to me; is that
- 11 true?
- 12 A. No, it's not true. This is just recognizing the
- 13 fixed price nature of the service agreement.
- 14 Q. Okay. I have some -- I'm going to go through
- 15 your rebuttal testimony for a little bit. It's
- 16 seven minutes to 12:00.
- 17 MR. REHWINKEL: Do you guys want to just take a
- 18 break here and come back around -- in 45 minutes?
- 19 MR. HERNANDEZ: That's fine.
- 20 MR. REHWINKEL: Is that okay with everybody?
- MR. MOYLE: That's fine.
- MS. BROWNLESS: Does that bring us back at
- 23 12:30?
- MR. REHWINKEL: Yeah, 12:30 is a good return
- 25 time. We'll just leave the Zoom link up.

- 1 (Whereupon, a break was taken from 11:52 a.m.
- 2 to 12:32 p.m.)
- 3 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 4 Q. I said I was going to go to your rebuttal
- 5 testimony, but I'm going to take a little detour and go
- 6 back to the white paper, if I could.
- 7 A. All right.
- 8 Q. And I want to go to Page 6, which is -- and
- 9 Section 62.5 --
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. -- and go to the paragraph that starts "the ADP
- 12 team."
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. In that paragraph, it -- on the third line down,
- 15 it says: "The cost of waste disposal is one of the
- 16 largest project costs."
- 17 And I guess since you're the head of the team
- 18 that wrote that, you would agree with that statement?
- 19 A. Yes, I would agree with that. It is one of the
- 20 largest.
- 21 Q. What is the -- are we talking about A, B, C, and
- 22 GTCC?
- 23 A. It's talking about radioactive waste Class A, B
- 24 and C going to the Waste Control Specialists facility in
- west Texas.

- Q. So it's just the A, B, C waste that is referenced
- 2 in the sentence: "The cost of waste disposal is one of
- 3 the largest project costs"?
- 4 A. That's the context of this paragraph, yes.
- 5 Q. And the next sentence says: "With WCS as part of
- 6 the ADP team and a sister company to NorthStar,
- 7 potential increases in waste disposal costs can be
- 8 mitigated by the ADP team. These costs could be
- 9 absorbed by WCS and not passed back to the project,
- 10 preserving funding to pay for other project costs and
- 11 maintaining the project contingency."
- 12 Do you see that?
- 13 A. I do see that.
- 14 Q. What is the basis for that assumption that WCS
- 15 would absorb costs -- would absorb costs?
- 16 A. The context that I view this in is similar to our
- 17 discussion this morning about the contracting strategies
- 18 between ADP CR3 -- worked out the final pricing. Since
- 19 this is part of the fixed price of 540 million,
- 20 depending upon that strategy, it's going to -- you know,
- 21 1 percent of 540 would end up being associated with the
- 22 packaging, transporting and disposal of Class A, B, and
- 23 C waste.
- 24 That was the -- that's what we were attempting to
- 25 communicate with this.

- Q. Did ADP or NorthStar tell you that they were
- 2 going to -- that their sister company, WCS, was going to
- 3 absorb costs?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. What project contingency is referred to there?
- 6 Did you have an idea of how much contingency is built
- 7 into the project costs?
- 8 A. That was part of our -- my team's technical
- 9 evaluation. I -- I -- from memory, I want to say
- 10 generally 10 to 15 percent was in that.
- 11 Q. Okay. Is that in a document anywhere that's been
- 12 provided?
- 13 A. I don't recall.
- 14 Q. All right.
- MR. REHWINKEL: Let me do this, if I could, is
- 16 just ask for a Late-Filed Number 5. And it would
- 17 be -- I'm just going to say Project Contingency
- 18 Estimate.
- 19 (Whereupon, Late-Filed Exhibit 5 was marked for
- 20 identification.)
- 21 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- Q. And all I want is your project team's technical
- 23 evaluation of kind of what -- where they landed on
- 24 contingency as to that.
- Do you understand what I'm looking for?

- 1 A. I do.
- MS. TRIPLETT: Charles, this is Dianne. To the
- 3 extent that that has already been provided and all of
- 4 the discovery, I assume that a reference to
- 5 previously produced documents --
- 6 MR. REHWINKEL: Yes.
- 7 MS. TRIPLETT: -- would settle --
- 8 MR. REHWINKEL: Perfect. Yeah, that's -- I
- 9 just want to -- I want to see the document that
- 10 contains the project team's contingency estimate.
- 11 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 12 Q. So is that the most reasonable assumption to make
- 13 about how WCS would interact with ADP, is that they
- 14 would keep their costs down? Why wouldn't they --
- 15 Well, let me ask you that. Is that the most
- 16 reasonable assumption?
- 17 A. That was Duke Energy's reasonable assumption.
- 18 Because we understood that there were options that ADP
- 19 had in their contracting strategy with WCS.
- We're not implying anything about the inner
- 21 workings of these affiliates.
- 22 Q. Okay. The sentence before more up in the --
- 23 higher up in that paragraph says they're the only
- 24 facility that could directly dispose of Class A, B, C
- 25 waste from nuclear power plants, right?

- 1 A. That correct.
- Q. So to the extent that's the case, why wouldn't it
- 3 be natural in the -- the capitalist society we live in
- 4 for WCS to try to maximize their -- their bottleneck or
- 5 monopoly position, if you will, in A, B, C waste
- 6 disposal?
- 7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 8 A. I'm not sure what you asked me to speak to.
- 9 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 10 Q. Okay. I'm asking you why wouldn't the opposite
- 11 be true, that they would want to get the most that they
- 12 could out of this, instead of try to keep the clock
- 13 down?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 15 A. I don't have an opinion on that. I -- I believe
- 16 that ADP did their due diligence in the preparation of
- 17 their proposal and during their due diligence in the --
- 18 in the fourth quarter of 2018. And whatever this
- 19 agreement ends up being is in the fixed price for the
- 20 agreed amount.
- 21 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- Q. Okay. Do you have with you a copy of the
- 23 application to the NRC?
- I think I have two different versions of it.
- 25 It's POD --

- 1 MR. REHWINKEL: Dianne, I think it's one that I
- 2 might have emailed or texted you and asked if he
- 3 could have it.
- 4 It's in staff's first POD, and it is -- the
- 5 Bates on it is 60.
- 6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Charles, staff's first POD,
- 7 which -- which one again?
- 8 MR. REHWINKEL: 000060. It starts at 1.
- 9 MS. TRIPLETT: First set.
- 10 MR. REHWINKEL: The first page of that document
- is a letter from Scott State on ADP letterhead.
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Letter dated June 26, 2019?
- MR. REHWINKEL: Yes, sir.
- 14 MR. HERNANDEZ: I'm going to put that in front
- of Mr. Hobbs.
- 16 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 17 Q. Okay. And if you could go to what's -- Page 21
- 18 of Attachment 1 to something. But it's -- it's Page 21
- 19 of 30 and Bates Number 60.
- 20 Do you have that?
- 21 A. I'm looking to see if that's what I have in front
- 22 of me. You said Page 21 of 30?
- 23 Q. Yes, sir.
- 24 A. 10 of 30. Okay. I'm on Attachment 1, Page 21 of
- 25 30.

- 1 Q. I want to ask you about the second paragraph that
- 2 starts "ADP CR3's projected cost."
- 3 Do you see that?
- 4 A. I do.
- 5 Q. Okay. And it -- if you could kind of read to
- 6 yourself down to about the sixth line -- well, actually,
- 7 the -- the fourth line. It starts "for example."
- 8 A. Okay. I'm there.
- 9 Q. And the way I read it, it says: "For example,
- 10 the estimate assumes that the waste from all
- 11 contaminated structures will be disposed of in a
- 12 low-level radioactive waste disposal facility, Class A,
- 13 B, or C. This is a conservative assumption because ADP
- 14 CR3 believes significant volumes of waste can be cleared
- 15 for free release and/or disposed as low-activity waste
- 16 that does not require disposal in a licensed Class A
- 17 low-level radioactive waste disposal facility."
- 18 Do you see that?
- 19 A. I do see that.
- 20 Q. Are you generally familiar with that --
- 21 A. I am not generally familiar with a low-activity
- 22 waste that is a lower level than Class A waste.
- I do understand that that can also be packaged,
- 24 transported, and disposed at the Waste Control
- 25 Specialists facility in Texas.

- 1 Q. I didn't hear -- the kind of the first part of
- 2 that sentence about what could be disposed there.
- 3 A. What this letter from ADP that was part of our --
- 4 I believe this was part of the license transfer
- 5 application that Duke Energy submitted -- Duke Energy
- 6 Florida submitted to the NRC. Mr. State is describing
- 7 his view that this is a conservative assumption for
- 8 various types of waste, including Class A, Class B,
- 9 Class C, what he refers to as free release and/or
- 10 low-activity waste.
- 11 Q. Well, is it your understanding that all of the
- 12 waste is going to go to the WCS facility?
- 13 A. I assume that, but I don't know that.
- 14 Q. Okay. And is it your perspective or view that
- 15 that is between -- that's up to ADP to dispose of the
- 16 waste in -- as they see fit, as long as it's lawful?
- 17 A. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. I just -- ADP has a level
- 18 of expertise with waste generation, packaging,
- 19 transporting, and disposal that Duke Energy Florida does
- 20 not. And that's part of the fundamental reason we have
- 21 this agreement.
- 22 We wanted to bring in experts that know how to do
- 23 this and how to do it right.
- Q. Okay. Let's go to your rebuttal now, like I
- 25 promised.

- 1 And let's go to Page 4. I think you're answering
- 2 a question from the previous page, and you say that the
- 3 vetting of NorthStar ADP CR3 and ADP SF1 started with
- 4 your request for information, RFI process, and continued
- 5 throughout the pre-bid meetings, interactions, proposal,
- 6 bid evaluations, and contract negotiations.
- 7 "DEF performed detailed reviews of NorthStar and
- 8 ADP CR3 expertise and capabilities and partnered areas
- 9 important to the successful and predictable execution of
- 10 the CR3 decommissioning project, including technical,
- 11 commercial, financial, and legal."
- 12 Did I read that right?
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Did you do a similar financial analysis of the
- 15 other -- any of the other bidders?
- 16 A. My recollection is -- and I think we supplied
- 17 this early in discovery, when we shared the results of
- 18 our reviews -- that, yes, I think we did similar reviews
- 19 for the proposals we received.
- 20 Q. So did you specifically do a financial evaluation
- 21 about the -- the financial capability of the other
- 22 bidders?
- 23 A. If -- if you're asking in the context of the
- 24 reviews that we performed in 2019 as part of the ADP
- 25 selection, and then we went through the process we

- 1 discussed this morning with the transaction review
- 2 committee and scrub committee, I do not believe we did
- 3 that for the other bidders. I think we did a -- a
- 4 proposal evaluation in those areas, but not to the level
- 5 that we did as part of our review and approval of the
- 6 DSA.
- 7 Q. Was it -- do you know if you did any kind of a
- 8 credit check or credit worthiness evaluation?
- 9 A. I do not know. I do not believe so, but I
- 10 don't -- I had a team of folks do the review.
- 11 Q. Was there -- did it come down to two bidders and
- 12 you selected ADP?
- 13 A. Yes. In my testimony, I state that in late
- 14 September/early October of 2018, we then selected the
- 15 two vendors and invited them for an on-site review of
- 16 their proposals. And they gave us -- or their due
- 17 diligence period -- and they give us the request
- 18 proposals in late December of 2018. And in early 2019,
- 19 we decided to proceed to negotiations with ADP.
- 20 Q. Okay. Who was the other bidder?
- 21 A. Who was the other bidder?
- 22 O. Yeah. Other finalist, I mean.
- 23 A. I think that's -- it's in -- again, I think we
- 24 produced that in discovery, when we did the evaluations.
- 25 But it was Energy Solutions, and they had a partner. I

- 1 don't recall who their partner was.
- 2 Q. I guess what I want to know is, did you -- would
- 3 you have done a financial review of energy solutions?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. And would you have done a review of Energy
- 6 Solutions to determine their financial capability or
- 7 capacity to perform the job?
- 8 A. Yes. Our Duke Energy process is our Duke Energy
- 9 process. So had it been another vendor of discussions
- 10 we had this morning about the scrub team and the
- 11 transaction review committee, and senior management
- 12 committee, and the board of directors, that would have
- 13 looked the same but with a different vendor.
- 14 Q. You did --
- 15 A. I don't know what -- I can flip -- the process
- 16 would have been the same.
- 17 Q. I apologize. I'm trying to understand. Did you
- 18 actually do it or you say you would have done it, had
- 19 they been the finalist?
- 20 A. We did not do it. But had they been the team we
- 21 selected to go to negotiations, we would have followed
- 22 the same process, Mr. Rehwinkel.
- 23 Q. I understand now. I -- I was not understanding
- 24 you before. Thank you.
- On Page 9, Line 15 -- let me know when you are

- 1 there.
- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 Q. It says: "The Duke Energy subject matter experts
- 4 determined that NorthStar's financial condition is in
- 5 line with peers involved in large-scale demolition and
- 6 decommissioning projects."
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And -- first of all, how do you -- how do you
- 10 know that?
- 11 A. I know that because the subject matter experts
- 12 reported that out to my project team as part of our
- 13 preparations for the transaction review committee.
- 14 Q. Okay. And do you know whether -- well, is -- so
- 15 would they have given you a report that showed who the
- 16 peers were?
- 17 A. I have never seen who the peers were that they
- 18 have referred to.
- 19 Q. But your testimony is that it was done, right?
- 20 A. That is my testimony, yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. And it was done and communicated to your
- 22 project team?
- 23 A. Yes.
- MR. REHWINKEL: I'd like to make a late-filed
- 25 deposition exhibit request for the analysis of the --

- of NorthStar's financial condition being in line with
- 2 peers.
- 3 So let's just call it NorthStar Financial
- 4 Condition Peer Review -- or "peer comparison" maybe
- 5 is a better word.
- 6 (Whereupon, Late-Filed Exhibit 6 was marked for
- 7 identification.)
- 8 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 9 Q. And so the NorthStar financial condition peer
- 10 evaluation. And all -- and what I would like to ask you
- 11 to do is to see if you can locate the report or the
- 12 analysis that would have included those peers compared
- 13 to NorthStar.
- Do you understand what I'm asking?
- 15 A. I don't know that it exists, but I do understand
- 16 what you're asking.
- 17 Q. And I -- when I ask for these things, I can't
- 18 expect you to produce something that doesn't exist. So
- 19 I'm just asking you to go back and see if there is
- 20 something.
- 21 A. All right.
- 22 Q. Let's go to Page 10 and 11. These are where --
- 23 these Items 1 through 13, if you scroll over a little
- 24 bit to Page 12 -- but these are the various benefits and
- 25 protections that DSA provides to DEF's customers,

Page 98 pursuant to your testimony, correct? 1 A. Correct. Q. And you call these the essential elements on 3 Line 6 --5 A. Yes. Q. -- of that protection? 7 So one of the things that's not included in here, at least as far as I could see, is the \$30 million 8 guarantee associated with WCS. Or have I overlooked it? 10 If you look at Number 10, Mr. Rehwinkel, that is 11 where I described the contractor's provisional trust. 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 A. Yes, sir, that's correct.

- Q. Okay. And I think I know the answer to this, but
- 2 I just kind of want to understand. By setting up the
- 3 \$540 million trust account -- what do you call that?
- 4 What's that subaccount called?
- 5 A. I think it's called the ISFSI-only interim
- 6 decommissioning subaccount.
- 7 Q. Okay. So IOI subaccount?
- 8 A. Let me double-check.
- 9 Yeah, it's called the IOI, which is ISFSI-only
- 10 interim, it's an acronym, decommissioning subaccount.
- 11 Q. Okay. And is it -- I think the -- the DSA
- 12 provides that all of the earnings from that account are
- 13 to the benefit of ADP; is that right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. All right. And did -- did DEF ever project what
- 16 you thought the earnings would be on that subaccount
- 17 over the period from which you would be making
- 18 disbursements?
- 19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 20 A. I don't recall. But I -- I would --
- 21 contractually, they also bear the risk, should their
- 22 investments not have a return. So that's how we viewed
- 23 it contractually, that they were taking the risk.
- 24 Therefore, if there was a benefit at the end of the six
- 25 years, that seemed to be a balanced approach that we

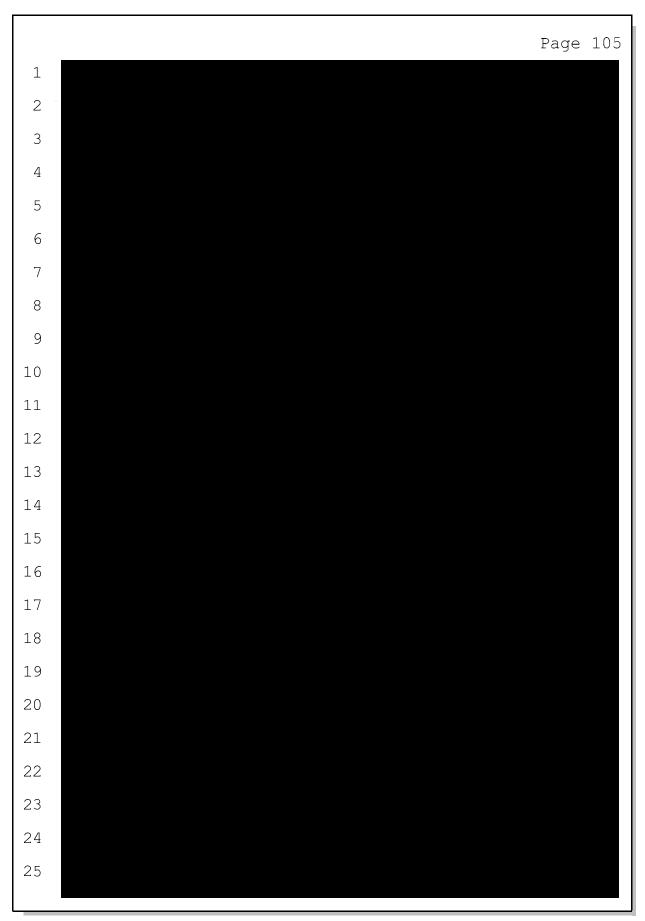
- 1 sought to achieve.
- 2 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- Q. Okay. Well, if you -- the price is \$540 million,
- 4 and we'll pay you out of the account, but the earnings
- 5 didn't go to ADP, they would stay with the -- with the
- 6 other side of the account, the CR3 reserve account,
- 7 right?
- 8 A. Right.
- 9 Q. So part of the negotiations in the final
- 10 determination here was that expected earnings would be
- 11 part of the purchase price; in other words, that would
- 12 go to ADP, even though it was not definitive because it
- 13 could go up or down, right?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 15 A. I'm not -- I'm not sure how to answer that. When
- 16 I stated the fixed price, I think of it from a Duke
- 17 Energy Florida perspective. It was a fixed price on the
- 18 day of closing that we will have the trustee put
- 19 \$540 million in the decommissioning subaccount. So
- 20 that's the cost to Duke Energy Florida.
- 21 Throughout the project, ADP bears not only the
- 22 risk of no return or losses, but they would also benefit
- 23 from an investment strategy at the end of the project.
- I'm not sure if that answered your question,
- 25 Mr. Rehwinkel, but that's how I think about it.

- 1 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- Q. Are you familiar with the concept of opportunity
- 3 cost?
- 4 A. That's not a phrase I typically use, no, sir.
- Q. All right. Do you know what it means, though?
- 6 Okay. Let's go to the scrub team question and
- 7 answer log, and to Page 3 of that log, which is the
- 8 Bates 43.
- 9 A. Okay. I'm there.
- 10 Q. And I see -- who is Cindy Lee and Phil Longoria?
- 11 A. At the time, they -- at the time, I believe they
- 12 were in our Duke Energy finance department.
- 13 Q. So the question that was asked on the -- Item
- 14 Number 10 there at the bottom says: "Does the fixed
- 15 cost of the contract, 540 million, neither go up or
- 16 down, thus the only changes are to owner's cost. Was
- 17 ADP contracted amount spend is less than 540 million?"
- 18 And Jeff LaPratt, as the point person, sends back
- 19 this answer: "ADP will perform work for a fixed price
- 20 of \$540 million. The only change would be for owner
- 21 cost, which are expected to be minimal and consistent
- 22 and constant (little DEF involvement). If ADP works
- 23 efficiently, they are entitled to the reward."
- 24 Do you agree with that?
- 25 A. I agree this was documented as Mr. LaPratt's

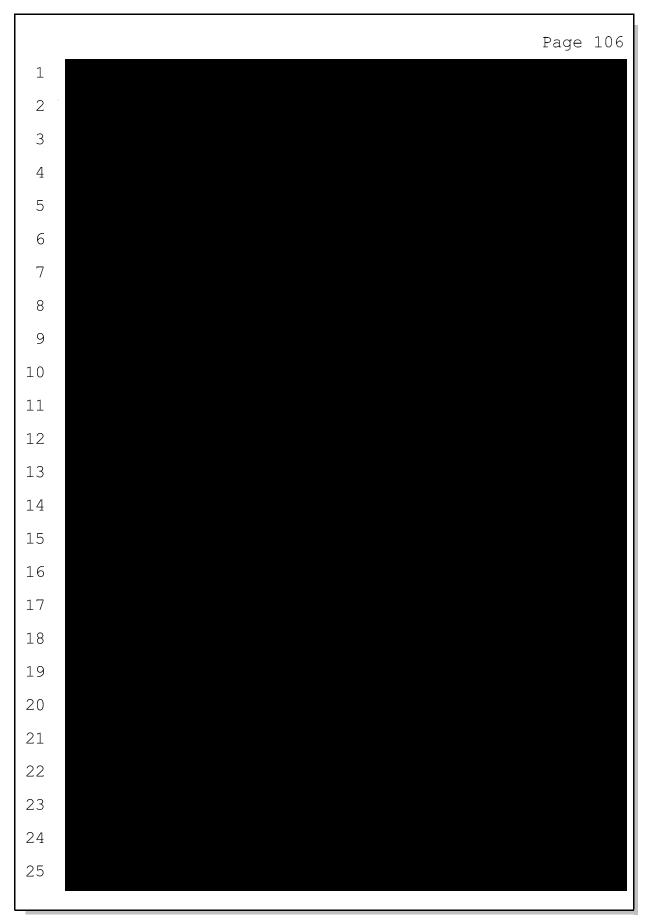
- 1 response.
- Q. Okay. But do you -- you also agree that's kind
- 3 of the way the deal was supposed to work?
- 4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 5 A. The deal was for the fixed-price contract with
- 6 the -- with the very clear end conditions defined. And,
- 7 in fact, the deal -- since it's fixed price to -- once
- 8 those conditions are reached, that is what ADP is
- 9 entitled to.
- 10 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 11 Q. They're entitled to anything -- if they can come
- in under \$540 million, they're guaranteed to keep that.
- 13 And if there are earnings -- positive earnings on the
- 14 fund, they're entitled to keep that as well?
- 15 A. That is the agreement, yes, sir.
- 16 Q. Okay. Tell me, if you would -- do you have this
- document here, which is Bates 50? It's the CR3
- 18 Accelerated Decommissioning trust fund balances over on
- 19 the right.
- 20 A. I had it this morning, Mr. Rehwinkel. I'll have
- 21 to find it.
- Q. That's okay.
- I printed mine super large so I can find it.
- A. Does it have two graphs on the right side of the
- 25 page?

- 1 Q. Yes, sir, that's it.
- 2 A. Okay. I got it.
- 3 Q. Are you familiar with this document?
- 4 A. I'm generally familiar with this. I know this
- 5 was done by my project team as we were going through the
- 6 analysis and proposals and trying to zero in on which --
- 7 which company we would want to go into negotiations
- 8 with. And this was also -- if these curves look
- 9 familiar, because they were included in some of the TRC
- 10 documentation.
- 11 Q. Okay. Let's go look under Column A on the
- 12 left-hand side, and tell me what this represents to you.
- 13 A. I -- I need to get a better copy. I can't read
- 14 those numbers.
- 15 I'm familiar with the outcome, the graphs on the
- 16 right. It's not going to work unless it's all here.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Do you have it?
- 18 MS. TRIPLETT: It's part of the confidential
- 19 exhibits that we produced for today's deposition.
- 20 Unless we send out a subpoena.
- 21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Give me a minute, Charles.
- 22 I'll -- I'll find it.
- 23 MR. REHWINKEL: Okay. I tell you what we can
- do. If there's a way to print this out on an
- 25 11-by-17 for him, I can come back to it.

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             MR. HERNANDEZ: I'll be able to open it up and
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        enlarge it. The same as an Excel worksheet, is that
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        the correct one?
             MR. REHWINKEL: Yes, it is.
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             MR. HERNANDEZ: I'm showing him the
        spreadsheet. It's got three different pages on it.
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        Which particular page would you like him to look at?
              THE WITNESS: The first one.
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             MR. HERNANDEZ: Let me enlarge it.
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             MR. REHWINKEL: It's not the chart. It has
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       Column A in parenthesis at the top, or just has an A
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       in parenthesis.
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             MR. HERNANDEZ: Column A, Duke NVT reserve
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       account balance?
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             MR. REHWINKEL: Yes, that's it.
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             MR. HERNANDEZ: It's not enlarging here.
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              Can you see that, Terry?
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       A. Okay, Charles.
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     BY MR. REHWINKEL:
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- 1 the IOI decommissioning subaccount or trust -- trust
- 2 account, assuming that work is done under a certain
- ; is that fair -- through 2026?
- 4 A. Yes, that's what I think it is. I have not
- 5 totaled it, so I don't know what the -- if I totaled it
- 6 together. I think that's what it's trying to represent.
- 7 Q. Okay. And then from the year -- from 2027 to
- 8 2036, there will be no payments, assuming everything
- 9 goes as planned, until 2037?
- 10 A. Thre will be no payment from Duke Energy Florida
- 11 to ADP after -- right now, it will be 2027. I think
- 12 that's where their current schedule is. So I do not
- 13 know about 2037. I don't know what that is attempting
- 14 to represent.
- 15 Q. Okay. Well, it should be some kind of work
- 16 that's in the -- the that's at the end
- 17 of --
- 18 A. After 2027, the only work left is the ongoing
- 19 operation and maintenance and security distancing until
- 20 DOE is ready to have that go somewhere else. But that
- 21 is not a Duke Energy Florida cost anymore. That is
- 22 ADP's cost.
- Q. Well, wouldn't -- I mean, for them to get that
- 24 \$40 million, assuming that all this matched up with a
- 25 pay item schedule for the -- for the 2019 to 2027

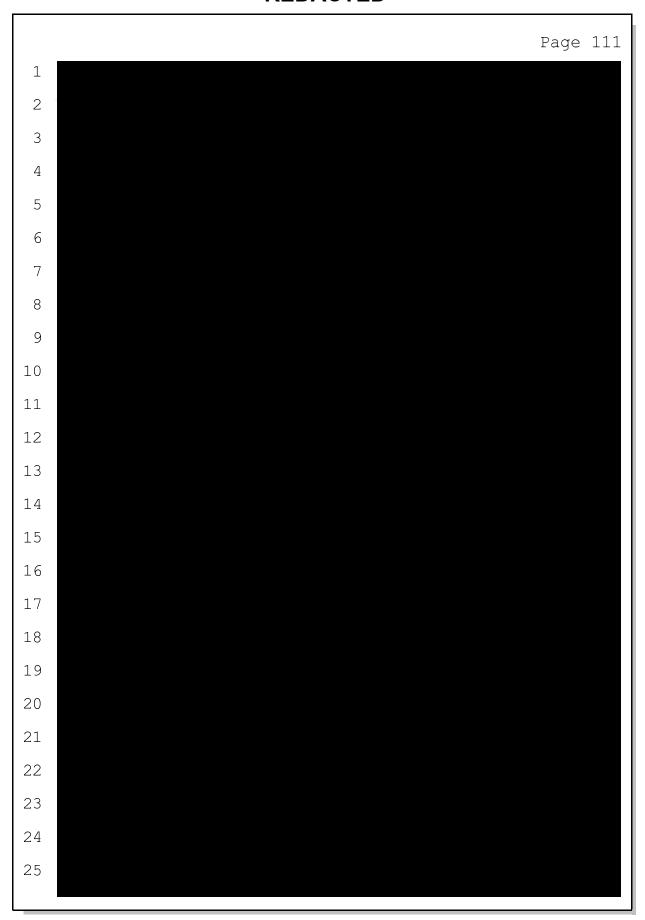
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     period -- or 2020 to 2027 period, this $40 million would
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     have to somehow be paid out by Duke as the manager of
     that fund, right?
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            If all these numbers total up to 540 million,
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     does -- won't Duke have to sign checks or authorize
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     disbursements from the IOI decommissioning subaccount
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     totaling $540 million?
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              MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
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            The DSA goes into detail about the monthly
     invoicing process. So yes, there will be a monthly
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     invoice, a validation of the process, and then there
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    will be -- Duke Energy Florida will request a trustee to
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     pay that invoice, minus the 6 percent that will go into
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- 1 the provisional trust.
- 2 And at the end of that period, Duke Energy would
- 3 have paid \$540 million in those invoices. And then the
- 4 final payment, ADP would be entitled to the earnings
- 5 and/or interest on that fund.
- 6 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 7 Q. So if there's any residual left that's just -- at
- 8 the end of -- when the license is terminated, that just
- 9 belongs to ADP. You don't -- you're not going to be
- 10 reviewing invoices or anything like that; is that right?
- 11 A. I -- no. Like I -- again, the -- the -- the
- 12 work -- scope of work to get to ISFSI-only End-State
- 13 Conditions is for the fixed price of \$540 million.
- Duke Energy will pay those invoices on a monthly
- 15 basis until the work is completed.
- 16 And as I said, part of that provisional trust --
- 17 so we'll pay the invoices. When you get to ISFSI-only
- 18 conditions, there's -- there's \$15 million in the
- 19 provisional trust that's -- 30 million is part of the
- 20 540. We will pay the 30 million out when they get to
- 21 ISFSI-only conditions. And there's very great detail
- 22 about all this in the DSA.
- 23 When the NRC has approved a partial license
- 24 termination plan that ADP has submitted, then ADP will
- 25 be entitled for Duke Energy -- they will be entitled to

Page 110 take the remaining \$20 million that they had deposited 1 into the provisional trust on the closing date. 3 So that's the DSA that we're here talking about 4 today, Mr. Rehwinkel. 5 The ISFSI operation continues year over year, 6 right? Security and operations and maintenance and the 7 facility monitoring. And that goes -- ADP will have 8 whatever arrangement, either litigation or an agreement, with the Department of Energy to seek reimbursement of 10 that money year over year, or whatever frequency they 11 want to do it. And they ultimately give somewhere to 12 send the fuel and the waste. ADP will fund all of that. 13 This contract makes -- they have to, at that point, diminish the ISFSI structure, perform final site 14 15 surveys, submit that final license termination to the 16 NRC. NRC reviews, ultimately approves. NRC terminates 17 the NRC license from the Crystal River site. ADP, at 18 that point, has met their obligations. At that point, 19 Duke Energy, who still has the overall trust fund, would 20 like and to what remaining funds are in there and how 21 they would be distributed back to our customers and our 22 shareholders. 23 Q. Okay. I guess it's on the -- that same Excel 24

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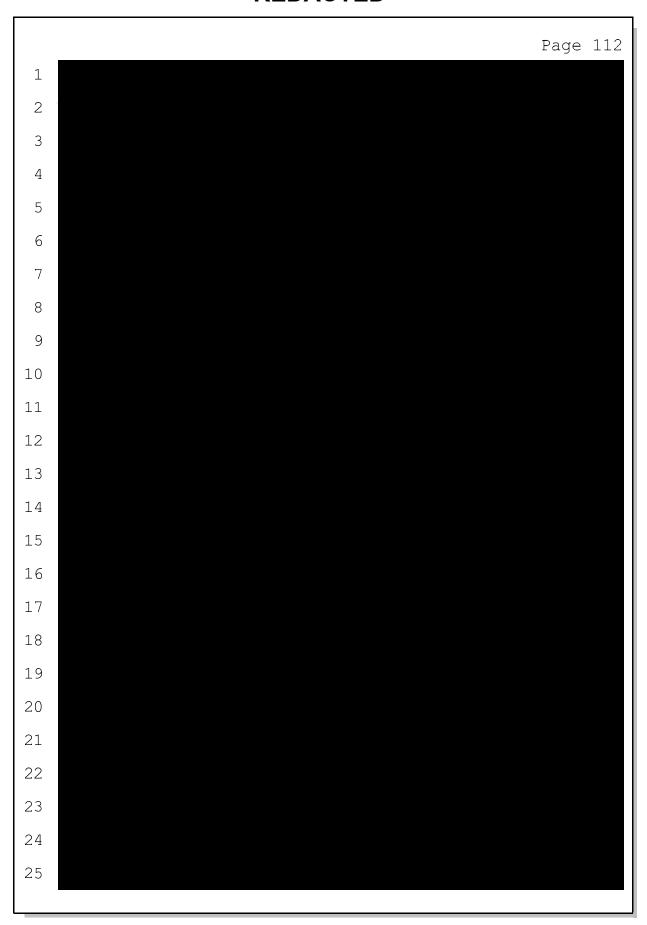
spreadsheet that we've been talking about. There's a



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- 1 No, I do not.
- Q. Okay. Do you know the heading, "CR3GF," what
- 3 that would stand for?
- 4 A. I do not. I'm not that familiar with these
- 5 worksheets that my project team put together.
- 6 Q. Okay. Thanks for bearing with me. I was just
- 7 trying to understand what was going on with that sheet.
- 8 So would you agree that the way that transaction
- 9 was structured, where you have the IOI decommissioning
- 10 subaccount and all of the earnings that would occur over
- 11 time as the project went forward, that that was
- 12 essentially a way of paying in advance for the cost of
- 13 the CR3 decommissioning?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 15 A. I'm not sure what you mean "paying in advance."
- 16 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 17 Q. Well, like what we talked about in this sheet,
- 18 sometime in 2019 or 2020, you saw that balance go from
- 19 703 to 98. That money left the -- it left DEF to pay
- 20 for the decommissioning and the --
- 21 A. I would not agree with that characterization.
- 22 That is still money that is in the Duke Energy Florida
- 23 NDF. That is still the fund that Duke Energy owns and
- 24 controls. Duke Energy will pay from that subaccount for
- 25 work completed on a monthly basis.

- 1 So at any time -- and there's a lot in my
- 2 testimony and there's a lot in the DSA about different
- 3 protections. But there's -- the significance of only
- 4 paying for work complete is that the work's complete.
- 5 And that -- that's the only money that's flowed out of
- 6 that subaccount. That's one of the primary protections
- 7 in this whole agreement. I think I have talked at
- 8 length about that in my testimony and discovery.
- 9 Q. Okay. Page 14, Lines 1 through 3.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. You say in here that adding the commission in the
- 12 prepare and support agreement would require NRC
- 13 approval, which could reopen the NRC approval process,
- 14 potentially jeopardizing the NRC's approval and
- 15 extending the project's timeline.
- 16 Did I read that right, except for the word
- 17 "additionally"?
- 18 A. Yes, you did read that correctly.
- 19 Q. Do you know whether making that change would
- 20 require full NRC approval or whether it could be
- 21 approved by the staff?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 23 A. First of all, I don't think the staff approved
- 24 the first one. I think it's the -- I mean the
- 25 commissioners. My understanding, which I believe to be

- 1 correct, is that Duke Energy Florida would have an
- 2 obligation to inform our NRC project manager. He -- as
- 3 he's familiar with the review and approval of the
- 4 license transfer application that resulted in a order
- 5 that was issued April 1st of this year.
- 6 He would go and contact two groups. He would go
- 7 to their office of general counsel and he would seek
- 8 input from the financial branch analyst. And at that
- 9 point, it becomes an internal NRC process. It is their
- 10 decision on the level of formality that this review and
- 11 approval would need, including possibly the issuance of
- 12 a new order.
- 13 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- Q. Who would you -- who is that person you would go
- 15 to first?
- 16 A. Our point of contact at the NRC headquarters is
- 17 our NRC project manager.
- 18 Q. Okay. Have you asked that question, like, what
- 19 would -- what would the process be and if -- if we asked
- 20 to make this change?
- 21 A. We do -- we do not -- we did not ask him of what
- 22 they may determine their internal process is. We had a
- 23 general discussion with him of what, in the course of
- 24 these approvals, we found that we may want to make a
- 25 change to the order.

- 1 Q. You didn't ask him about -- specifically about
- 2 the prepare and support agreement?
- 3 A. We specifically told him about that portion of
- 4 it.
- 5 Q. And what did he say?
- 6 A. He said that in the order -- we have an
- 7 obligation, Duke Energy Florida, the Florida NRC, if
- 8 we're contemplating a change to the prepare and support
- 9 agreement and then it's -- like I described. He would
- 10 reach out to the office of general counsel and his
- 11 financial reviewer branch. And then collectively, they
- 12 would go into their processes. And they don't really
- 13 share their internal deliberations of processes. But
- 14 there certainly would be a review and approval. Whether
- 15 that would require an issue of -- issuance of a new
- 16 order or not, I don't know. But that would be up to
- 17 NRC.
- 18 Q. So you asked him this in terms of a what if,
- 19 rather than Duke is contemplating a change; is that
- 20 fair?
- 21 A. Yes, sir. What if. Because we're currently --
- 22 we're currently not contemplating a change to the
- 23 prepare and support agreement.
- Q. Yeah, I read that in your testimony. I
- 25 understand. I was just trying to understand

- 1 qualitatively the difference.
- 2 And you did take that step of formally notifying
- 3 them that you were contemplating a change; is that
- 4 right?
- 5 A. I think it's -- we have a -- my -- my licensing
- 6 staff have biweekly calls with -- with actually our
- 7 project manager at NRC and our lead NRC inspector, who
- 8 was actually in the region one office in Pennsylvania.
- 9 And we're very transparent. They are generally very
- 10 interested in all things we're thinking about. So
- 11 that's the nature of the discussions. It's not a
- 12 formal, hey, what if we ask you to do this? It's a --
- 13 it's a routine communication that we had for years with
- 14 these folks.
- 15 Q. What I was asking about formally, you haven't
- 16 formally said you're contemplating a change, which would
- 17 be a more -- that would trigger some more formalized
- 18 process; is that right?
- 19 A. Correct. We have not done that.
- 20 Q. Okay. Did you get any signal from anybody at the
- 21 NRC in any of these biweekly or regular sessions that
- 22 said we recommend you don't do this?
- 23 A. I have not been informed of any type of
- 24 discussions along those lines.
- Q. Okay. All right. Page 22, if we can go to

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Line 18.
A. Okay.

- 3 Q. It says: "DEF would have only paid for work that
- 4 is completed"?
- 5 A. Yes.

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- 6 Q. Is it hypothetically possible that based on sort
- 7 of the fact that -- that if you dispute up to -- you
- 8 can -- you have to pay invoices up to million, even
- 9 if they're in dispute, at any given time; is that right?
- 10 A. That's right.
- 11 Q. Okay. So if, for whatever reason, there was
- 12 something that halted ADP's work on the project and you
- 13 had paid out for work that had been done, plus
- 14 million -- or million, let's say, of invoices
- 15 that you thought the work wasn't done or wasn't done as
- 16 was indicated in the -- in the invoice or the monthly
- 17 report, technically there would be some -- and the work
- 18 and the project got stalled, there would be some work
- 19 that was paid for that wasn't completed; is that right?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Form.
- 21 A. I don't think that's right. In my testimony, I
- 22 tried to, at least at a high level, explain some of the
- 23 scenarios, at least from the protection s built into the
- 24 DSA, so that you -- you use the phrase the "project
- 25 stalled." Well, there's certain requirements where they

- 1 can end up in default. And so the protection against
- 2 that is Duke Energy's right to take the provisional
- 3 trust fund.
- 4 So -- which I would remind you ADP deposited
- 5 20 million cash in it on closing day. So that's a type
- 6 of protection -- whatever one of these scenarios one
- 7 might want to go down, we felt there certainly was
- 8 adequate protection in all those things that you could
- 9 think about.
- 10 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 11 Q. So there's no scenario where there would be --
- 12 you would have paid out from the trust fund for work
- 13 that wasn't completed? There's no scenario that could
- 14 occur like that?
- 15 A. I don't think so. Because if you look -- one of
- 16 the -- one of the -- my view of the pay item schedule is
- 17 it's distinct portions of work. So although I may
- 18 dispute that, on some month, you know, you said you were
- 19 50 percent and I thought you were only 30 percent, I
- 20 would dispute that. But just over the course of time,
- 21 that scope of work will complete.
- 22 So from a dispute resolution, there certainly is
- 23 negotiations and agreements. But this -- the passage of
- 24 time, as the project progresses will resolve the
- 25 disputes, because primarily, that's what the dispute

- 1 would be, at some point the work is done.
- 2 So now you have only paid the fixed amount in
- 3 that pay item schedule. Or the other high-level
- 4 scenario is, they don't fix it. The project -- you
- 5 know, we have to exercise our rights. And that's how we
- 6 tied the provisional trust fund to Duke Energy's rights,
- 7 if the project, in fact, was not going to complete as
- 8 anticipated.
- 9 Q. Well, in this scenario, this is -- this scenario
- 10 7 on 21 and through 20 -- 23, this would be an event of
- 11 default --
- 12 A. Which page, sir?
- 13 Q. -- of the DSA -- I'm asking if you could be at a
- 14 point where -- I don't know what would happen. But
- 15 there's -- there could have been a default. ADP just
- 16 closed up shop, stops working, and they've got a pending
- 17 invoice that you've challenged that -- you know, you
- 18 said you only did 30 percent of the work and they said
- 19 we did 100 percent of the work, and it was a -- you
- 20 know, it was a big -- it was a big payment.
- 21 Isn't that conceivably -- the work would have
- 22 stopped and you would have paid for work that wasn't
- 23 completed?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 25 A. No, that's what I'm trying to communicate. Maybe

- 1 I'm not doing a good job of it.
- 2 The protection for that is to provide -- our
- 3 rights to take the provisional trust fund, which always
- 4 has a minimum of \$20 million in it.
- 5 So -- so I -- okay. So I have some dispute. I'm
- 6 whole at the end of that.
- 7 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 8 Q. On Page 17, Line 17, you see -- actually, I think
- 9 I wrote the wrong one down.
- 10 You talked about Fukushima in here. And I wrote
- 11 down the wrong page. Page 23, Line 17.
- 12 A. Okay.
- 0. Did Fukushima increase the cost of CR3
- 14 decommissioning?
- 15 A. It did not increase the cost of CR3
- 16 decommissioning. It did increase our cost, like it
- 17 increased the cost for every nuclear plant in the
- 18 country for the lessons that came out of that and the
- 19 additional changes to the facilities.
- Q. Page 26, Line 2 of 3, you've got the 9 percent
- 21 number there.
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Is it your understanding that ADP CR3 will be
- 24 using subcontractors to perform 90 percent of the CR3
- 25 decommissioning work?

- 1 A. Well, my testimony says -- on Page 25, it says:
- 2 "With respect to the majority of the decommissioning
- 3 work, ADP CR3 will enter into fixed-price subcontracts
- 4 with an affiliate of NorthStar Services Group or an
- 5 affiliate of Orano U.S.A. and expects to enter into
- 6 fixed-price subcontracts with specialty trade
- 7 subcontractors."
- 8 So I do not believe that that 90 percent is
- 9 indicative of -- of the scope of work of who is going to
- 10 do it.
- I think -- I read it to be the part to where
- 12 these bonds, both performance and payments bonds, will
- 13 be provided as part of fixed-price scopes for the
- 14 affiliates and subcontractors.
- 15 Q. So the way I should read this is that for
- 16 whatever work is done by subcontractors under
- 17 fixed-price subcontracts, that scope of work, 90 percent
- 18 of it will be covered by bonds?
- 19 A. Yes, sir, that's how I read it. That's how I
- 20 understand it.
- 21 O. Speaking of subcontractors, let's go back to
- 22 Page 25.
- 23 A. Okay.
- Q. And the last bullet there that's on page --
- 25 Line 15, it says: "Any contracts that ADP CR3 has with

- 1 subcontractors would remain in effect."
- 2 You see that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And this is something that would be a remedy or
- 5 something that you have taken care of in case of an
- 6 event of default; is that right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Now, to the extent a subcontractor is an
- 9 affiliate of ADP and ADP is in default, for whatever
- 10 reason, why would you assume that the subcontracts for
- 11 those affiliates would -- could be enforced if ADP
- 12 itself was not able to perform its part of the deal?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 14 A. I will give you a nonlawyer answer to that. What
- 15 this protection is, is that those subcontractors,
- 16 through their -- especially through their performance
- 17 and payment bonds, they have the means to complete that
- 18 scope of work, even though DEF may have taken over the
- 19 project with ADP's default. So that's the value that's
- 20 still is in those contracts. And then the payment
- 21 bonds, of course, protect us from liens from
- 22 subcontracts.
- 23 So that's what that is trying to say, if Duke
- 24 Energy Florida decided that it was feasible to complete
- 25 the project at that time.

- 1 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- Q. Okay. How -- how would the bond work if -- if
- 3 ADP and, let's say, all of its subcontractors became
- 4 insolvent and you had subcontractor contracts that were
- 5 bonded? What would your -- what would your ability --
- 6 how could you use that bond to protect the customers?
- 7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 8 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 9 Q. And -- I apologize. Assuming in that question
- 10 that you couldn't get the subcontractor to actually
- 11 perform because they were gone.
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 13 A. That's not a scenario that I have contemplated,
- 14 honestly. I -- I do the bonding strategy that ADP has
- 15 committed to in the DSA, is that that's their primary
- 16 protection from becoming insolvent. Because just as
- 17 Duke Energy Florida has a fixed-price contract with ADP,
- 18 ADP has in effect fixed their price to their affiliates
- 19 and their subcontractors. And that's part of why Duke
- 20 Energy Florida views the probability of all of these
- 21 discussions as very low.
- 22 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 23 Q. Speaking of that, let's go back to the -- to the
- 24 white paper for a second.
- 25 A. The white paper?

- 1 Q. And go to Page 13.
- 2 A. Okay.
- Q. And I want to ask you about the -- the red,
- 4 green, and yellow boxes here.
- 5 You're familiar with that risk matrix?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 O. Is that a risk matrix that -- that Duke and
- 8 Progress have used for a long time?
- 9 A. It's a typical risk matrix we've used for some
- 10 period of time, I think for a long period of time, on
- 11 most of our projects.
- 12 Q. And even back before Duke acquired Progress,
- 13 you've used those same colors and boxes, right?
- 14 A. I wouldn't speak to the historical nature. I
- 15 don't -- I don't know how to communicate risk management
- 16 aspects of a project.
- 17 Q. Okay. Are any of the risks that are -- first of
- 18 all, all of the risks are -- show up in the -- the
- 19 lowest of low risk, not only on the likelihood of
- 20 occurring, but the impact of occurring, in the lower
- 21 left-hand quadrant; is that right?
- 22 A. That's right.
- 23 Q. And there are eight risks that are categorized,
- 24 if you will, in this -- this matrix; is that right?
- 25 A. Yes, that's right.

- 1 Q. And one of the risks, for example, is
- 2 reputational risk, that's Number 8.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And what does that refer to?
- 5 A. That would be an occurrence that would put Duke
- 6 Energy in a negative view in the public.
- 7 Q. Okay. Is there a risk of -- for the -- the risk
- 8 of harm to the customers evaluated on here?
- 9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 10 A. So your question is, how did we consider our
- 11 customers from this risk matrix?
- 12 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 13 Q. Yeah, how -- how are they -- how are the risks to
- 14 the customers -- risk of harm to the customers, how are
- 15 they captured, if you will, in this matrix?
- 16 A. I would start with Number 1, where unknown to
- 17 unknown discoveries, our mitigation is that we do have
- 18 the reserve fund. So we would not need to go back to
- 19 customers except in a very extreme condition.
- Let me see about the others.
- 21 Even though it's low, had the NRC not approved we
- 22 would be a SAFSTOR, so the customers -- you know, we
- 23 would -- we would be sitting in SAFSTOR mode for many,
- 24 many years. Again, there's not a sign of direct impact
- 25 to customers at this time.

- 1 End-State Condition, insolvency. Number 5, where
- 2 we talked a lot about, in our testimony and all, about
- 3 the protections we built into the ADP.
- 4 Number 6, again, that there would not necessarily
- 5 be an impact to customers, and this was because the site
- 6 has a lot of different operating plants on it. We
- 7 did -- we did consider what if the demolition had an
- 8 effect on that. Again, Number 6, we think it's a very
- 9 low probability and, actually, just a moderate. But I
- 10 think ADP would be responsible for that.
- 11 So that's probably -- I would say that would
- 12 highlight Number 1, if -- but we showed protection is
- 13 actually the ability to use the -- the reserve fund, the
- 14 ability to return it to SAFSTOR.
- So from this -- this particular page, there's
- 16 nothing here that would tell me that we have any -- that
- 17 the -- that the risk of what would affect our customers
- 18 would be part of any of these activities.
- 19 O. Let's go to Page 23. I guess it's the
- 20 next-to-the-last page.
- 21 Financial data, it says: "ADP draw down on NVT."
- 22 Are you familiar with that?
- 23 A. I am, yes.
- Q. So is it fair to say that the orange curve here
- 25 is -- in the far left end of it, it shows \$540 million.

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    And to the far right, it's zero. And this shows sort of
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     a -- it tracks payments over time, disbursements that
     are released by DEF to ADP for the decommissioning and
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    dismantlement; is that right?
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           Okay. Did it -- did it basically -- instead of
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     the curve going to zero in 2020 -- in 2037, or
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     thereabouts, it would go to zero in 2027?
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           You see the -- yes, sir, you see where it says
    license termination to physiology? At the time, we were
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    projecting 2026. It's likely to be 2026, there will be
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    some cash flow on an annual basis from 540 to zero.
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    That would be -- that's what that would look like.
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            I don't recall off the top of my head the
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    estimated angle cash flow. But in that time period from
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     2020 to 2027, yes, it would show a curve from 540 to
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     zero.
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           Okay. So assuming that that curve ends ten --
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    goes to zero ten years earlier, or to the left --
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           -- would the -- the items that are shown in black
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Page 129 1 2 3 4 5 6 Yes, sir. Α. 7 And so my question to you is: Are these activities and the payments that track them on this 8 curve, are they designed such that if at any point in 10 time the project is terminated, for an event of default 11 or one of these emergent issues that you just discussed 12 in your testimony, is there always going to be enough 13 money to -- in the trust fund to allow you to go to 14 SAFSTOR and allow the project to be funded in -- as --15 as -- under the SAFSTOR timeline? 16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form. 17 So you're asking me specifically about the return 18 to SAFSTOR? 19 BY MR. REHWINKEL: 20 Q. Yeah. 21 Α. So you --22 I'm trying to understand, are the payments out of 23 the IOI decommissioning trust account, are they all synchronized, if you will, to the task such that if you 24 25 stop the project at any time, is there always going to

- 1 be enough residual to go back into SAFSTOR and earn on
- 2 that such that when it -- you get out in time, you will
- 3 be able to decommission the rest?
- 4 A. Yes. The cash flow is synchronized with the
- 5 completion of specific scopes of work through these
- 6 various phases of the project.
- 7 So, yes, there will be money available to idle
- 8 the project and return to SAFSTOR to allow the funds in
- 9 the trust fund to earn -- I think in my testimony, I
- 10 talk about you would reestimate the scope of work, look
- 11 at your assumed earning on that trust fund, and
- 12 collectively identify when would it be prudent to
- 13 restart the project and have enough funding to complete
- 14 the project. And I think I highlight --
- 15 Q. You could do an analysis -- I'm sorry. Complete
- 16 your answer, please.
- 17 A. I highlighted my testimony that that's -- from a
- 18 regulatory standpoint, we still have until 2073 to reach
- 19 license termination. So that's what affords us that, as
- 20 an additional protection for our customers, to not have
- 21 to go back to rates. It's just a regulatory framework
- 22 for decommissioning.
- 23 Q. So what I'm trying to understand, I guess, is if
- 24 you get on this curve that we were just talking about,
- 25 if you get -- the farther out you get on the curve, that

- 1 means there's more money that's been paid out and
- 2 there's less residual. You would agree with that,
- 3 right?
- 4 A. Yes, I would agree with that.
- 5 Q. So the question is: Are -- is there any point on
- 6 this curve where you would have terminated the project,
- 7 paid out everything to the left under the curve that
- 8 would -- and that there would not be enough to finish
- 9 the job?
- 10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 11 A. The job -- the job of returning to SAFSTOR?
- 12 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- 13 Q. Yes, sir.
- 14 A. I believe any point on this curve, the
- 15 decision -- the joint decision by Duke Energy Florida
- 16 and ADP, there would be funds sufficient to reestablish
- 17 the SAFSTOR conditions that Crystal River 3 is in today.
- 18 Q. Okay. So hypothetically, if you had spent
- 19 \$480 million out of the IOI decommissioning trust fund
- 20 and you have 60 million plus whatever earnings on top of
- 21 that and you have X number of tasks left to be done, and
- 22 maybe they were dropped as the costs had escalated on
- 23 them, you're saying that you would have that residual
- 24 plus whatever is in the reserve account, and those two
- 25 numbers would be the corpus of that -- that you would

- 1 grow over time under a SAFSTOR environment to finish the
- 2 job?
- 3 A. That is what I say, yes. In my testimony, that's
- 4 what I say.
- 5 Q. Okay. On the page before that, there's a list of
- 6 ADP decommissioning experience.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 O. Now, that -- this is NorthStar and Orano; is that
- 9 right?
- 10 A. Yes, that's right.
- 11 Q. Do you know what the yellow highlights mean? Are
- 12 these confidential or is there something about them?
- 13 Are these the ones that NorthStar did?
- 14 A. That's what I -- I -- I believe that's what this
- 15 is trying to highlight, but the -- I'm not sure what the
- 16 yellow highlight is. I do agree that this is a listing
- 17 of both Orano -- Orano and NorthStar. It consists of
- 18 non-nuclear projects, a lot of other nuclear projects in
- 19 here.
- I don't recall what -- why some were highlighted.
- Q. Okay. Did any of these list large base load
- 22 nuclear power plants that were decommissioned and
- 23 dismantled by ADP?
- 24 A. Just looking at this list for the first time in a
- 25 while. Yankee Rowe was a commercial power plant in

- 1 Connecticut that has been dismantled. It's the only --
- 2 Vermont Yankee is a work in progress about a year and a
- 3 half in that is primarily -- it's a NorthStar project.
- 4 They're the owners of that. So this is -- it's a
- 5 commercial -- commercial nuclear power plant.
- 6 Rancho Seco was a commercial nuclear power plant
- 7 in California, I believe it was. I think it's also
- 8 now -- it's ISFSI only.
- 9 I don't -- I can't speak to the European plants.
- 10 You can see some of them say research, others don't. So
- 11 I don't -- I would assume some of those might be, but I
- 12 don't know. Maine Yankee was a commercial nuclear plant
- in the state of Maine. It is now ISFSI only.
- 14 Q. Well, I guess what I'm trying to understand is, I
- 15 look at ADP as being different from the line. And it
- 16 says "ADP" up here, but I -- I'm trying to understand
- 17 it. I was under the impression that ADP had not
- 18 decommissioned and dismantled a base load nuclear power
- 19 plant yet and that they are -- and that Vermont Yankee
- 20 is really their first one.
- 21 A. I don't think that to be the truth. I think this
- 22 list is intended to show you over the decades the work
- 23 that ADP and these parent companies have been involved
- in, and it's a combination of commercial plants,
- 25 research reactors, a lot of DOE facilities, a lot of

- 1 nuclear work, and a lot of dealing with contamination.
- 2 So I -- I think in earlier testimony -- I would
- 3 have to go and look. But, you know, ADP used that --
- 4 they have formed a company that brings in the expertise
- 5 of both parents and should lead to the high probability
- 6 of a successful project.
- 7 Q. Okay. Did you -- are you familiar with the
- 8 Vermont order? Did you read that order?
- 9 A. The memorandum of understanding?
- 10 Q. Well, this is a -- this is the order approving
- 11 acquisition of Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, Inc., by
- 12 NorthStar Decommissioning Holdings, LLC, and granting
- 13 other requests subject to the memorandum of
- 14 understanding --
- 15 A. I have read --
- 16 Q. -- entered on $12 -- \frac{12}{6}/\frac{2018}{2018}$.
- 17 A. Yes.
- I have read portions of the memorandum of
- 19 understanding. And I did not bring a copy.
- 20 Q. Okay. If I could read this to you and see if
- 21 the -- if you could react to it. You can say, "I don't
- 22 know."
- 23 Paragraph 24 on Page 15 -- and this is Polich
- 24 deposition Bates Number 88.
- 25 It says: "Although NorthStar has relevant

- 1 expertise in decommissioning, abatement, and cleanup
- 2 projects, NorthStar has never taken the lead on a
- 3 nuclear decommissioning project nor a project of the
- 4 scale and complexity of the decommissioning of the DY
- 5 station."
- 6 Is that something you're familiar with?
- 7 A. Did you say that was in Mr. Polich's testimony?
- 8 Q. Well, I was reading from the Vermont order on
- 9 Paragraph 24. It was an exhibit in Mr. Polich's
- 10 deposition.
- 11 A. So that -- that statement was in the -- I've
- 12 never read that in here before, I don't --
- 0. It's in the order. The MOU is attached to the
- 14 order, but that's on Page 15 of the order itself. So
- 15 that's -- that's information that you didn't have
- 16 before?
- 17 A. I've not read that. I mean, you're asking me to
- 18 react to it. I don't pretend to know a lot about these
- 19 companies. But I -- just in my discussions with the
- 20 executives of ADP, their view is that they have
- 21 absolutely led complex projects, nuclear and nonnuclear.
- 22 And they're currently dismantling a skyscraper in
- 23 Downtown Manhattan. And their view is that that is a
- 24 significant project with significant risks just because
- 25 of the location.

- 1 So I respect Mr. Polich's opinion. I don't have
- 2 that strong of an opinion. But in my discussions with
- 3 ADP managers, their view is that they are a very capable
- 4 company. And they -- their view is also that the
- 5 Vermont Yankee project is off to a very good start.
- 6 The curve we were just talking about, where it
- 7 says "large component removal," and that is very early
- 8 on in the project lifecycle right after planning, that
- 9 is the highest risk work. That's talking about the
- 10 reactor vessel, reactor vessel internals. Really, the
- 11 highest risk work in the whole project. That's the work
- 12 they're doing today at Vermont Yankee.
- 13 And I saw an update on that project. It was
- 14 shared with me. I think it was in April of this year.
- 15 Very safely done, effectively on schedule, no violations
- 16 from the NRC from a radiological control standpoint, no
- 17 injuries. Just really a year and a half into the
- 18 project where the highest risk work is being done early
- 19 in the project.
- 20 And, again, I won't try to project the end of the
- 21 project, but I think it's being managed -- my
- 22 perspective is it's being managed very well.
- Q. Okay. Thank you.
- A. Could I ask you something, Mr. Rehwinkel?
- Q. A little bit more in your testimony and then I

- 1 will stop bothering you today.
- A. Mr. Rehwinkel.
- 3 Q. I'm sure everyone is tired of hearing my voice.
- 4 Page 13, Line 7 and 8.
- 5 In the second sentence there, it says -- on
- 6 Line 8, says: "DEF would be responsible for funding the
- 7 additional work necessary to comply with the new
- 8 end-of-state conditions from the Crystal River
- 9 decommissioning reserve subaccount of the NDF."
- 10 Do you see that?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. So that assumes that the cost of the additional
- 13 work is less than the amount that's in -- less than or
- 14 equal to the amount that is in the reserves of the
- 15 account; is that right?
- 16 A. Yes, sir, that's correct.
- 17 Q. Okay. And it's Duke's position that if the cost
- 18 to finish that end-of-state condition work is greater
- 19 than that amount, that you would ask the customers to
- 20 pick up the rest?
- 21 A. No, sir, that's not what I have said in
- 22 testimony.
- 23 I said that that would be the type of action that
- 24 would have Duke Energy, along with ADP, consider a
- 25 return to SAFSTOR so that we would not have to go back

- 1 and ask customers to pay into the NDF.
- Q. Okay. On Page 14, Line 18: "The CR3
- 3 decommissioning project will be conducted in accordance
- 4 with all federal, state, and local rules and
- 5 regulations."
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Is it more accurate to say that it will be
- 9 required to be conducted?
- 10 A. I think it's the same.
- 11 Q. Well, you don't know whether ADP is going to
- 12 ultimately, over the next seven years, comply with all
- 13 federal, state, and local rules and regulations, do you?
- 14 A. Of course, I can't foretell the future, but this
- is -- your example is why the NRC will continue to have
- 16 frequent on-site inspections, a lot of the regulations
- 17 are their regulations.
- 18 And I highlight a couple of others in here,
- 19 Department of Transportation -- all of these different
- 20 groups have on-site inspection requirements and requests
- 21 for information.
- 22 So it's no different than what I have been doing
- 23 for the last seven years, I have been complying with.
- 24 And of course, you should be doing it, it's the right
- 25 way to do business. That's why I do it. There's a lot

- 1 of inspection and verification and validation that you
- 2 are impacting lives from all of these government
- 3 agencies.
- 4 That's how I view, which is what I was trying to
- 5 communicate, is that high -- high assurance that it will
- 6 meet all requirements, especially as you get to the
- 7 End-State Conditions -- the ISFSI interim End-State
- 8 Conditions.
- 9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Charles, is this a good time to
- 10 take a break?
- 11 MR. REHWINKEL: Actually, if you could give me
- 12 five more minutes, I think I can finish.
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay.
- 14 BY MR. REHWINKEL:
- Q. On Page 18, Lines 8 through 9, it says: "DEF
- 16 would not likely petition the commission to have its
- 17 customers pay to the NDF."
- 18 Do you see that?
- 19 A. Yes, sir, I do.
- 20 Q. You're not guaranteeing that you won't petition
- 21 the commission under that scenario?
- 22 A. Correct. That is not a guarantee.
- Q. And then the same on Page 20, Line 3.
- 24 For this scenario, where it says: "DEF would not
- likely petition the commission," at the end, you

- 1 wouldn't guarantee that you won't petition the
- 2 commission?
- 3 A. Correct. I would not guarantee that.
- 4 Q. And then on Page 21, Lines 20 -- 10 through 13,
- 5 referring to parent support agreements above, you say:
- 6 "It seems very unlikely that ADP CR3 or its parent
- 7 companies would not provide such funds"; is that right?
- 8 A. I didn't catch the line item, Mr. Rehwinkel.
- 9 Q. Okay. It's Lines 11 -- starting on Line 11,
- 10 where it says "it seems."
- 11 A. Right. Okay.
- 12 Q. On Page 21.
- 13 A. Yes, I see that now.
- Q. Duke is not assuring the commission or
- 15 guaranteeing that ADP CR3 or its parent companies would
- 16 not provide such funds?
- 17 A. Contractually, the parents have to provide those
- 18 funds.
- In this scenario, it's saying that the -- as the
- 20 licensee, ADP, in their annual March filing, demonstrate
- 21 they lack sufficient funds for -- to complete the
- 22 decommissioning. That is the trigger that the NRC would
- 23 order the parents to put money from the parent support
- 24 agreement into the -- to the -- to ADP to put them back
- in compliance with federal regulations.

- 1 So that the point -- then I go on to say, by the
- 2 way, the NRC has a lot of enforcement because at that --
- 3 at that moment, they're outside the -- the -- of
- 4 complying with NRC requirements. So I point out that
- 5 NRC has quite a bit of enforcement actions to force
- 6 those parents to honor their contractual obligations.
- 7 But that's the context of it seems very unlikely
- 8 that they would not provide the funds. They would find
- 9 themselves in willful violation of the NRC regulation,
- 10 and that brings lot of enforcement, including charge --
- 11 criminal charges in effect.
- 12 Q. All right. There's also a parental support
- 13 agreement that's not the NRC support. There's a
- 14 parental guarantee --
- 15 A. There is.
- 16 Q. -- document, right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And does -- there's no guarantee that that's
- 19 going to be honored if it is called upon, is there?
- 20 A. They have a contractual obligation to honor their
- 21 agreement. And we would use whatever -- whatever
- 22 necessary to enforce the parents to honor their
- 23 commission.
- Q. Page 21, Line 18, again, where it says "would not
- 25 likely petition, " in this Scenario 6, again, you're not

- 1 guaranteeing that you wouldn't if that scenario were to
- 2 occur?
- 3 A. Correct, that is not a guarantee.
- Q. Okay. And on Page 23, Line 5, for this
- 5 Scenario 7, likewise, that is not a guarantee --
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. -- that you wouldn't petition for those -- for
- 8 the customers to pay?
- 9 A. Correct, it is not a guarantee.
- 10 O. And if I go to Page 26, Lines 14 through 15, it
- 11 says: "DEF is confident that ADP CR3 and ADP SF1 will
- 12 be successful based on their experience in nuclear
- 13 decommissioning projects." Does that sound right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And that confidence is not a guarantee that this
- 16 will be a successful project?
- 17 A. That is not a guarantee.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 MR. REHWINKEL: Terry, I appreciate your time
- and your patience in answering my questions. That's
- all I have for you today. Thank you very much.
- THE WITNESS: You're certainly welcome. Thank
- 23 you.
- MR. REHWINKEL: So you say when we come back,
- 25 Dan.

- 1 MR. HERNANDEZ: I need five minutes. Would
- 2 five minutes be all right?
- 3 (Whereupon, a break was taken from 2:11 p.m.
- 4 to 2:24 p.m.)
- 5 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 6 BY MR. MOYLE:
- 7 Q. Good afternoon. I'm John Moyle. I have some
- 8 questions for you today. I represent the Florida
- 9 Industrial Power Users Group.
- 10 Tell me what you understand the role of the
- 11 Florida Public Service Commission to be in this case,
- 12 please.
- 13 A. We have asked the Florida Public Service
- 14 Commission to review and approve this transaction for
- 15 the accelerated decommissioning and the Crystal River
- 16 site to ISFSI-only condition.
- 17 Q. Have you followed the Public Service Commission
- 18 over the years and their decision-making process?
- 19 A. No, sir.
- 20 Q. Okay. Do you have any understanding with respect
- 21 to the interests that the Florida Public Service
- 22 Commission are supposed to look out for? And if so,
- 23 please describe that.
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 25 A. I guess generally, I understand the commission

- 1 oversees most utilities in the State of Florida and they
- 2 are the decision-making authority, for instance, for
- 3 things such as rates, the establishments of rates,
- 4 changes in rates. I'm sure they have other authorities
- 5 that I'm just not familiar with them. That's my general
- 6 understanding of the commissions.
- 7 BY MR. MOYLE:
- 8 Q. Okay. Do you know that they are charged with
- 9 balancing the interest of utilities with the interest of
- 10 consumers/customers?
- 11 A. Yes, I -- I do think -- since we are a regulated
- 12 utility, I do recognize that there is a balance that the
- 13 commissioners maintain, yes, sir.
- 14 Q. And with respect to your perspective on, you
- 15 know, customer interest, your interests are primarily
- 16 focused on Duke Energy Florida, isn't that right, your
- 17 employer?
- 18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 19 A. No, sir. We are a very customer-focused utility.
- 20 And as you read through my testimony, and it's clear
- 21 that one of our high priorities is to, to the best of
- 22 our ability, not go back to ratepayers to pay into our
- 23 trust fund.
- 24 My understanding is that the trust fund kind of
- 25 was established and the plant went into commercial

- 1 operation in 1977. And I believe we stopped collecting
- 2 from the customers in 2001, approximately. Since then,
- 3 we have managed that fund responsibly. And because of
- 4 that responsible management of the fund, that we've
- 5 started in this process back in 2017 -- we didn't know
- 6 what the outcome of this process was going to be. But
- 7 part of the reason we decided to go forward is that we
- 8 think it's very unlikely we would need to go back to our
- 9 customers.
- 10 So I would -- clearly, and I'm an employee -- but
- 11 I'll tell you, from the customer focus, that has been
- 12 part of this project since day one.
- 13 BY MR. MOYLE:
- Q. And you've answered the questions in a similar
- 15 way with respect to Mr. Rehwinkel. But the -- the
- 16 commission, if they heard this case and they said, you
- 17 know, there's -- there's a little thing that we would
- 18 like to change that we think we would improve this deal,
- 19 and on a 1 to 10, it was a Level 1 in terms of
- 20 substance, did I understand that what you said was,
- 21 well, you know, we want them to approve this deal as it
- 22 is, but if they did make such a change, we would have to
- 23 go back and -- and consider it internally and then we
- 24 would talk to our counterparty and then figure out, you
- 25 know, if we could make that change or not; is that -- is

- 1 that fair?
- 2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 3 A. Yes, that is close to what I responded earlier
- 4 today.
- 5 BY MR. MOYLE:
- 6 Q. You -- you talked about the fund. And I
- 7 appreciate your recognition of the customer -- the
- 8 customer's interest in that fund. And that fund is
- 9 comprised of monies that the customers have paid
- 10 throughout the years, correct?
- 11 A. As I said, yes, the customers paid from 1977
- 12 until 2001, yes.
- Q. To the extent that there's money in that fund,
- 14 that it's overfunded, or there's money left over at the
- 15 end of the day, that money would come back to customers,
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. Most of that money would come back to customers,
- 18 yes, sir.
- 19 Q. Okay. Tell me -- tell me why you didn't say all
- 20 of it, you only said most of it would.
- 21 A. I believe that my testimony, I discussed where we
- 22 at one point had several joint owners, and Duke Energy
- 23 Florida has since paid out those joint owners. So that
- 24 percentage, since Duke Energy shareholders have taken
- 25 the risk, that money would flow back to the

- 1 shareholders. I forget the exact amount, but it's in my
- 2 recent testimony.
- 3 Q. Okay. Okay. And right now, could you just --
- 4 you have to file regular reports with the NRC on the
- 5 fund, right?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And they also -- they require you to look at
- 8 things like disposal cost of low-level radiological
- 9 waste when you're putting together your reports,
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. No, sir.
- 12 Q. We had had --
- 13 A. We have traditionally had a cost study for
- 14 decommissioning, just as all other nuclear plants.
- 15 There's a mechanism for trust fund establishment and
- 16 funding. So what we file to the NRC -- or to the chair
- 17 is the -- it's a financial assurance that you do have
- 18 sufficient funds or you will have sufficient funds at
- 19 the time you decide to do the project to complete the
- 20 decommissioning.
- 21 But we do not redo cost estimates or cost
- 22 studies.
- 23 Q. Well, let me explore that a little bit more.
- When you're putting together this -- this report
- 25 that says we have enough money for the disposal, you

- 1 testified earlier that one of the key expenditure items
- 2 was the disposal of -- of waste, correct?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. So when you're putting together that report, you
- 5 have to -- you have to make estimates or somehow come up
- 6 with what you think a disposal cost would be, I would
- 7 assume; is that right?
- 8 A. That is one of the components of the cost study,
- 9 yes.
- 10 Q. And how do you go about and do that? Do you do
- 11 it yourself or do you get an independent contractor to
- 12 do it for you?
- 13 A. Over the -- over the many years, Crystal River 3
- 14 has used a -- a couple that specialize in preparing cost
- 15 studies for many different nuclear plants.
- 16 Q. Okay. And so you rely on them, and one of the
- 17 things they look at is the projected disposal cost,
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. When was the last study done?
- 21 A. The last study performed was 2018.
- 22 Q. Okay. And -- and --
- 23 A. Per the model.
- 24 Q. Yeah.
- 25 And could you just characterize it in broad terms

- 1 for me, please?
- 2 A. In broad terms, from -- as I recall, it was -- it
- 3 included the dormancy period from 2018 until 2037. The
- 4 fuel would leave at 2037. The power block itself would
- 5 continue to sit in SAFSTOR until 2067. You stand up the
- 6 demolition project. You complete the license
- 7 termination work in 2073. And the site restoration in
- 8 2074. And the estimate at that time was approximately
- 9 \$875 million, somewhere about that.
- 10 Q. And how much money did the fund have in it,
- 11 approximately?
- 12 A. The fund -- let me go back. Probably
- 13 approximately \$680 million.
- 14 Q. And you reached a conclusion that that
- 15 680 million was sufficient to cover the cost going
- 16 forward based on the growth of the monies in the fund;
- 17 is that right?
- 18 A. Well, I would -- I think two-fold: The growth of
- 19 the money in the fund and my ability to significantly
- 20 reduce spending over time.
- 21 O. Okay.
- 22 A. Working both sides of that.
- 23 O. Yeah.
- You're familiar with the petition that's been
- 25 filed in the case, correct?

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. You've read it?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 Q. I think it says that you expect there to be
- 5 \$100 million left over that will be distributed to --
- 6 available to customers; is that right?
- 7 A. I forget the exact number, but it is in that --
- 8 in that ballpark, yes, sir.
- 9 Q. Yeah, it might be 103. My mind was -- you know,
- 10 around 100, give or take.
- 11 When -- when would that money be available, as
- 12 you understand it?
- 13 A. That money would be available when the NRC
- 14 terminates the CR3 NRC license. Currently estimated to
- 15 be 2038.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. Of course, the big assumption with that is that
- 18 either an interim or a permanent fuel repository is
- 19 built and we're able to ship the fuel and waste
- 20 Greater-Than-Class C waste off site. That's the --
- 21 that's the variable there in achieving that timeline.
- 22 O. Yeah.
- 23 And I'm going to just -- again, big picture, this
- 24 deal, this transaction that you have, as I understand it
- 25 based on reading some things and discussions yesterday,

- 1 that the spent nuclear fuel rod piece is divorced from
- 2 the monies in this fund; is that right?
- 3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 4 A. If we -- Duke Energy Florida are not paying for
- 5 those funds, but the fuel is absolutely linked to the
- 6 vital site surveys and the NRC's termination of the NRC
- 7 license.
- 8 BY MR. MOYLE:
- 9 Q. And when you say you're not paying for those
- 10 funds, what do you mean?
- 11 A. Because -- because ADP is purchasing the used
- 12 fuel assets, which are the fuels, the canisters they're
- in, the concrete overpacks and the security system that
- 14 surrounds it. They are funding that from -- those are
- 15 internal to their company. Duke Energy Florida is not
- 16 paying for those funds after -- excuse me -- for those
- 17 activities after the closing date.
- 18 Q. How confident are you that that 100 million will
- 19 be there at the end of the day?
- 20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 21 A. I'm confident because I understand what the -- I
- 22 understand the fixed-price nature of the DSA. I
- 23 understand the owner's cost over time. I have looked at
- 24 the assumptions that our treasury folks and others have
- 25 put together on the fund growth. And it seems to be as

- 1 accurate as you could develop for future projections.
- 2 BY MR. MOYLE:
- 3 Q. And you're comfortable that you've mitigated
- 4 significant risk with this transaction?
- 5 A. Yes, sir, I am.
- 6 Q. I'm not going to ask you to do this, but have
- 7 you -- have you -- have you looked at doing any kind of
- 8 net present value analysis to see what that \$100 million
- 9 would look like if you -- if the commission said, let's
- 10 return it to ratepayers now. It's 100 million bucks.
- 11 Express a level of confidence that it will be there.
- 12 Let's -- let's give them back a percentage of that now.
- 13 Have you-all looked at that in any way, shape, or form?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 15 A. Not from a calculation to net present value, that
- 16 I know of, no, sir.
- 17 BY MR. MOYLE:
- 18 Q. Okay. I was hearing two different things about
- 19 subaccounts. I was under the impression yesterday that
- there's one subaccount where that 540 million goes.
- 21 There is that subaccount, correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. And that's called, like, the Crystal River
- 24 subaccount?
- 25 A. The 540 million will be intended to fund the

- 1 accelerated decommissioning project that we're talking
- 2 about that's described in the DSA. That's called the
- 3 IOI, which is an acronym for ISFSI-only interim
- 4 decommissioning subaccount.
- 5 The interim was what I just described. The
- 6 license can't terminate until the fuel is gone. So
- 7 that's why there's this interim tag.
- 8 And then there's the Crystal River reserve
- 9 account. That's the other money in the trust fund,
- 10 currently in the trust fund.
- 11 Q. Okay. So would it be fair to say that the -- we
- 12 could call the other money in the trust fund is the main
- 13 account and then there's a subaccount?
- 14 A. I don't -- I guess if we can keep the wording
- 15 straight, we could try to discuss it, but...
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. We can try that.
- 18 O. But there's not more than one subaccount as we
- 19 sit here today?
- 20 A. Today there's one account. On closing date,
- 21 there will be two subaccounts. We will put the -- we
- 22 will direct the trustee to put \$540 million into the
- 23 decommissioning subaccount. That will be used to pay
- 24 ADP over the 6 1/2 years of this project. The remaining
- 25 funds will go into the Crystal River reserve account --

- 1 subaccount. Excuse me.
- 2 So we will establish those two subaccounts on the
- 3 closing day.
- 4 Q. And will any money be left in the -- we'll call
- 5 it the main account?
- 6 A. Yes, there will be money in the Crystal River
- 7 reserve account.
- 8 O. Which is not the -- not one of those two
- 9 subaccounts?
- 10 A. It is one of the two subaccounts. The -- the --
- 11 the existing trust fund becomes two subaccounts.
- 12 That's -- that's what it is.
- 13 Q. And I was trying to understand whether the
- 14 existing trust fund goes away because you have two
- 15 subaccounts now or whether it stays there and you keep
- 16 some money in it.
- 17 A. I think the money is in the subaccounts.
- 18 That's -- that's my understanding and my knowledge of
- 19 how that trust fund is managed.
- 20 Q. Who is the trustee? Who manages these funds?
- 21 A. I don't recall. Our treasury people in our
- 22 corporate headquarters is in frequent contact with those
- 23 people, and we have discussions with them. And I just
- 24 don't recall the name of the company.
- Q. Yeah. Do you -- but it's not -- it's not managed

- 1 internally by Duke, it's a third party that serves as a
- 2 trustee?
- 3 A. I believe the regulations requires that there is
- 4 an independent trustee manager established for the trust
- 5 fund.
- 6 Q. And the 540 million, the ability to make
- 7 investment decisions over that 540 million is not one
- 8 that Duke continues to -- or has; is that right?
- 9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 10 A. I do not think that's right. There's a lot of
- 11 specific guidance in the DSA. There's also an
- 12 attachment or exhibit. There's an Attachment 12 to the
- 13 DSA entitled "Investment Guidelines." So we agree
- 14 contractually how that 540 would be invested, but that
- 15 decision is ADP's decision. As far as the trust fund,
- 16 I -- I can try to find it.
- 17 But Duke Energy does have a say-so in the trust
- 18 fund manager for that subaccount.
- 19 BY MR. MOYLE:
- Q. I'm going to ask you to go to the documents that
- 21 were provided as part of your deposition. There's a
- 22 report to the transaction and risk committee.
- 23 A. All right. I have it.
- 24 Q. I thought I read in there that the -- the
- 25 investment decisions related to this subaccount would be

- 1 that of a third party and not Duke. Is that your
- 2 understanding?
- 3 And I'm sorry. I can't put my -- my fingers
- 4 right on it. There's not lines on it. And I didn't
- 5 print it out to highlight it. So I'm looking for it.
- It says what it says. I don't want to waste much
- 7 of your time.
- 8 But just tell me -- I see it now. It's on
- 9 page -- it's 2.6. It says: "ADP will be able to direct
- 10 the investment strategy for these funds, baseline
- 11 investment policies, and guidelines acceptable to DEF."
- 12 Is that -- is that how the investments will --
- 13 will be handled?
- 14 A. Yes, sir, there's -- like I said, Attachment 9 is
- 15 the investment guidelines. And then the Section 9 of
- 16 the decommissioning services agreement and program goes
- 17 into detail.
- 18 But it does say what it says in this white paper.
- 19 O. Okay. And you would rather -- you guys recognize
- 20 that there is some risk associated with even
- 21 conservative investments these days, correct?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 23 A. Yes, sir, we do.
- 24 BY MR. MOYLE:
- Q. The document, you helped craft this document; is

- 1 that right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. How did you determine the risks that were
- 4 identified in this document?
- 5 A. The risks? You're talking about the report to
- 6 the transaction or risk committee?
- 7 Q. This document, yeah, it's the -- exactly, the
- 8 Crystal River 3 decontamination, decommissioning report
- 9 to transaction and risk committee.
- 10 A. Right. So earlier with Mr. Rehwinkel, we
- 11 discussed the risk matrix on Page 13. Is that what
- 12 you're referring to?
- Q. Well, I just was generally asking how you -- what
- 14 about determining the risk, but we can talk about those
- 15 as well.
- 16 The first question is -- the leading question is:
- 17 How did you -- how did you go about identifying what the
- 18 risks are?
- 19 A. As I recall, we clearly established the beginning
- 20 conditions that ADP would take over on the closing date.
- 21 And we also very clearly described the End-State
- 22 Conditions that they would need to achieve.
- 23 So we -- so the project scope was very well
- 24 developed that -- in support of ADP putting together the
- 25 original proposal.

- 1 My project team, very experienced folks, said,
- okay, what's between the starting conditions and the
- 3 ending conditions that were put in this proposal? What
- 4 are the things that would hit us as a risk?
- 5 So that fundamentally is how we did it.
- 6 The second thing is we ask each of the vendor
- 7 teams who offered a proposal to provide in that proposal
- 8 their view of the project risk.
- 9 So I think those two things, as I recall, is how
- 10 we kind of started to think about what are the risks and
- 11 how will we mitigate them in the agreement.
- 12 Q. Have you prepared these types of documents before
- 13 not related to -- to this project?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 15 A. No, this is the first project that I have been in
- 16 charge of that we took through this process.
- 17 BY MR. MOYLE:
- 18 Q. Were you given a form and somebody said, Hey, you
- 19 use this form for senior management and the board, you
- 20 know, put the data in -- in this form, or did you create
- 21 this form? How did you -- how did you deal with that?
- 22 A. This is more than a form. This is a formal
- 23 process we use at Duke Energy.
- 24 There are people who are kind of in charge of
- 25 this that tell you -- you make contact with and start to

- 1 discuss. And then, yes, the format and content of these
- 2 reports are a standard part of that process, as is the
- 3 PowerPoint presentation that accompanied the white
- 4 paper.
- 5 Q. So on Page 13, there are -- at the bottom, there
- 6 are letters that relate to certain types of risks.
- 7 You see that?
- 8 And F -- F is for financial, R is for
- 9 reputational, and 0 is for operational, legal, and
- 10 compliance; is that right?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. Okay. And these 1 through 8, are those -- is
- 13 that an exhaustive list of the risks?
- 14 A. I don't recall. They were the eight that -- that
- 15 we felt we should share with this committee.
- 16 Q. So it would be fair to say that since it was a
- 17 senior management committee, you probably shared the
- 18 most significant risks, from your standpoint?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And all of the risks are financial, except for
- 21 Number 8, right?
- 22 A. Right.
- 23 Q. I don't -- I don't see the execution risk in
- 24 here, unless I'm missing it.
- 25 A. The cost escalation is an execution risk in

- 1 Number 7. And, you know, from a Duke Energy
- 2 perspective -- Duke Energy Florida perspective, there's
- 3 an ADP risk. Number 5 is a -- during the project
- 4 implementation or execution, whatever we want to call
- 5 it, is a risk.
- 6 And a lot of my testimony is in these areas, the
- 7 protections that we built into the DSA in these events.
- 8 And those are the two that I would just -- for a quick
- 9 read through this list, that I would say fall into the
- 10 category of execution risk.
- 11 Q. Yeah, with your background, isn't the execution
- 12 risk probably the most significant?
- 13 A. Yes. I do think that if you analyze various
- 14 projects, execution risk can be the biggest risk
- 15 sometimes. However, as I think back through this
- 16 process that began in 2017, Duke Energy wanted to ensure
- 17 these bidders had all of the information they needed.
- 18 And that's why we worked very hard to establish
- 19 beginning conditions and ending conditions. We did not
- 20 want these vendors to not understand the scope of the
- 21 project. Because that is -- if you don't understand the
- 22 scope of the project, the proposal will not be good.
- That's kind of how we viewed it. We put very
- 24 detailed bid instructions together. We made a lot of
- 25 information, an encyclopedia of information from the

- 1 original design and construction of the plant, during
- 2 the whole operational phase. And then on the due
- 3 diligence, we gave them free access. I had a team of
- 4 people -- because they weren't physically familiar, but
- 5 they were able to have their folks lay their eyes on
- 6 whatever it was. Because they knew in their proposal
- 7 where they wanted to confirm. And that was the whole
- 8 reason for the due diligence.
- 9 So we were very conscious of implementation
- 10 risks, should we decide to go forward with this, but I
- 11 think that was built into our process for the -- for the
- 12 bidding process.
- 13 Q. How did you satisfy yourself that they -- they
- 14 got it and understood it and there was, you know, not
- 15 miscommunication or lack of understanding of the -- of
- 16 the scope?
- 17 A. I think there was a series of activities. As I
- 18 think back, as we were completing the proposal, we
- 19 invited -- and I think it was eight companies. We talk
- 20 about them in our testimony. We had a two-day three-bid
- 21 meeting. And we waited, you know, here's -- and I was
- 22 there. I mean, we said, here's what it is we're trying
- 23 to do.
- 24 Then we made -- in part of our supply chain
- 25 process, we make a lot of information available. And

- 1 the way our process works -- at the time, we received
- 2 four proposals. So for those four teams, if one asks a
- 3 question, all four got to see the question and answer.
- 4 Now, we kept it anonymous, of course. So our process
- 5 was built to ensure, to the best of our ability, that
- 6 these teams were -- that the bidders understood what
- 7 they were bidding on.
- 8 And then post bid, we sent it to the proposal
- 9 evaluation. And part of that was, did they follow our
- 10 bidding instructions? Did we, Duke Energy Florida, get
- 11 the information we specified that we needed so we could
- 12 do the very evaluation that you and I are talking about.
- 13 Some did not do that. They did not get through the
- 14 table evaluation.
- So we got through that. And two made it through
- 16 that, and that's the two we invited for an on-site due
- 17 diligence, and that was from October to December, free
- 18 access. We escorted them where they needed to go. We
- 19 made engineering documents and our own engineers
- 20 available.
- 21 So as I look at that series of activities, I
- 22 think we really -- we wanted to ensure these vendors had
- 23 a very good understanding of the scope that they can
- 24 appropriately price in their proposal.
- Q. Did you-all rely on any third parties to assist

- 1 you with developing the scope?
- 2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 3 A. Not to develop the scope, no.
- 4 BY MR. MOYLE:
- 5 Q. How about in other aspects of the process?
- 6 A. Early on in the process, as we were starting to
- 7 think about going down -- you know, starting this
- 8 process, having no idea of where we might end up, we did
- 9 have a consultant on staff that I do recall we had him
- 10 come up for a day, had some discussions of what we were
- 11 thinking, how we were planning. And he had -- he had
- 12 had some previous experience.
- So that is the -- that's the example I can use
- 14 where we had a third party come in, but that was -- like
- 15 I said, that was in the early design phase of how we're
- 16 going to do this.
- 17 Q. Yeah.
- 18 A. And we did some other things. In my testimony, I
- 19 talk about benchmarking. So we did -- I sent my project
- 20 team out to California to the San Onofre. Because
- 21 they -- they had just conducted a -- a competitive bid
- 22 process. So I think they spent two or three days.
- 23 So we did a lot of other things other than
- 24 third-party consultants to educate ourselves on how we
- 25 were going to go through this process, the competitive

- 1 bid process.
- 2 0. Yeah.
- 3 How many companies to date have -- have done what
- 4 you-all are proposing to do? I know there's one in
- 5 Vermont. Are there others?
- 6 A. You mean going into a more accelerated D&D?
- 7 Q. That's right. You know, take the material and
- 8 move it off site, transfer the ownership of the spent
- 9 nuclear fuel rods.
- 10 A. To my knowledge -- and I try to, as I can,
- 11 keep -- keep involved in the industry. Humboldt Bay
- 12 project in Northern California is very close to
- 13 having -- and this ISFSI-only condition, which means all
- 14 of the stuff has gone underground, the fuel greater than
- 15 Class C.
- 16 The Zion plant and two unit-plant in Illinois is
- 17 the same state. Vermont Yankee had just started. And
- 18 then the more recent announcements are the Oyster Creek
- 19 plant in New Jersey. Now, they just actually ended
- 20 their operational phase, as did the Pilgrim plant. But
- 21 their plans are going to go straight into -- to
- 22 basically be in an ISFSI only within the next 15 years.
- 23 So they -- they've had -- their plan was never to sit
- 24 for long periods of time.
- I don't know the specifics of their trust fund

- 1 balances and why they made the decisions.
- 2 And then there's others -- Indian Point, I think
- 3 I mentioned this morning. So there's several in active
- 4 demolition, and then -- including Vermont Yankee. You
- 5 know, assuming we get approval of this agreement, this
- 6 would start this year. And then you would see these
- 7 Pilgrims, Oyster Creeks, those plants, over the next
- 8 short period of time, get into active demolition.
- 9 Q. So I've counted -- counted maybe five that are
- 10 ahead of you?
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. And of those five, how many -- how many are
- 13 NorthStar, is NorthStar doing as the prime contractor?
- 14 A. Vermont Yankee.
- 15 Q. So one?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. This has not been talked about at all, but given
- 18 your background, I wanted to ask you the question: With
- 19 respect to the low-level radiation, what are the -- what
- 20 health impacts, if any, are associated with that?
- 21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 22 A. The NRC has established annual limits of 5 rems
- 23 per year for -- even for nuclear workers.
- 24 To give you -- speak about the End-State
- 25 Conditions, and I threw out a number, 25 millirem per

- 1 year. To give you a perspective of that, if you read
- 2 the EPA's information, they estimate the average
- 3 American gets 600 millirem per year from background
- 4 radiation, and that's just in the soils, in the building
- 5 materials, flying in an airplane. But the average is
- 6 600. So 25 percent, which is the limit post
- 7 decommissioning, is 5 percent above that background that
- 8 everybody gets.
- 9 So that's the perspective I keep in the back of
- 10 my mind when I think about cleanup standards. That's
- 11 from EPA information.
- 12 BY MR. MOYLE:
- Q. Do you know -- are you familiar with the term
- 14 "the half life"?
- 15 A. I am, yes, sir.
- 16 Q. And just so we have a clear record, what is a
- 17 half life?
- 18 A. Half life is a measurement of the radioactive
- 19 decay of a radioactive element. I would describe it
- 20 as -- a radioactive element is unstable. So it is
- 21 decaying to another isotope. In doing so, it is giving
- 22 off radiation and energy in the form of heat. And then
- 23 half life is the measurement of how long does it take,
- 24 whatever the initial concentration was, for half of that
- 25 to have decayed to another structure, another atom,

- 1 whatever. It could be extremely short lived or it could
- 2 be very long lived.
- 3 So that's it. It's known -- it could be
- 4 measured.
- 5 Does that answer your question?
- 6 Q. It did.
- 7 So the half life or the waste we're talking about
- 8 here, the A, B, and C, are they -- are they all the same
- 9 or is -- you know, is it longer for C than it is for A?
- 10 Do you know?
- 11 A. I'm not sure. I do think half life is one of the
- 12 inputs in that classification. I also think the
- 13 material itself is an input, and the radiation levels it
- 14 is emitting during its decay.
- So I think -- and there could be others. Class
- 16 A, B, and C are suitable for what's called shallow
- 17 burial. So if you were to go to this west Texas site --
- 18 and I've not been there. I've seen photographs of it.
- 19 It's a licensed site that they understand on the -- so
- 20 if they -- Crystal River, they will segment the waste.
- 21 They will pack it into specialty canisters. They'd
- 22 transport it there. And then they'll dispose of it
- 23 generally in lined ditches that have monitoring,
- 24 radiation monitoring, groundwater monitoring. They have
- 25 all of that stuff. And that's how they do that.

- 1 When you get Greater-Than-Class C waste, it is
- 2 not suitable for shallow burial -- shallow disposal.
- 3 That's -- so that's your fuel and your
- 4 higher-level Greater-Than-Class C waste. It requires
- 5 more protection. So what is taking place, the original
- 6 Department of Energy was the Yucca Mountain, the deep
- 7 underground repository that could hold the waste for
- 8 10,000 years and it -- and it not have an upset.
- 9 The interim storage that is being contemplated by
- 10 two different companies here in our country, one in New
- 11 Mexico, one in Texas, they think they can provide a --
- 12 meet all of the requirements to interimly store
- 13 Greater-Than-Class C waste. But ultimately, by law, by
- 14 our own law, it has to go to a repository. So -- and it
- 15 has to do, I guess if I threw out a number, 10,000
- 16 years. So, you know, clearly, those are the types of
- 17 analysis that are performed that get classified as
- 18 waste.
- 19 O. Is there a -- a numerical year requirement for
- 20 the Class A, B, and C waste?
- 21 A. You mean how long it can sit there? I don't know
- 22 that, no.
- 23 O. Yeah.
- 24 Do you know -- I haven't been to the site. I was
- 25 just curious whether -- whether there's a barrier

- 1 requirement that, you know, you have a disposal facility
- 2 and then you need to erect or have barriers so that
- 3 nobody is within X number of feet or miles from the
- 4 site. Is there -- do you know anything about that?
- 5 A. Very similar requirements for nuclear power
- 6 plants. I still have a barrier around my plant, even
- 7 though we've been shut down, that goes out at least
- 8 100 meters so that members of the public could not
- 9 inadvertently wander in.
- 10 So there's -- that's a -- there's very standard
- 11 requirements for isolation of the site, for monitoring
- of the site, depending on what's there, for security of
- 13 the site. So like me, I still have an armed security
- 14 force. So those are typical nuclear requirements, be it
- 15 a power plant, a Department of Energy facility, a burial
- 16 site. It's general -- generally, those apply.
- 17 Q. Okay. You weren't in the room yesterday. I
- 18 don't know -- did you listen in on the deposition
- 19 yesterday or --
- 20 A. No, sir.
- Q. Okay. I was -- I'm going to ask you a couple of
- 22 questions that I asked the witness yesterday about his
- 23 schedule of values, we called it. I understand it's a
- 24 document that says, okay, here is how much of the scope
- of the work has been done. That document gets put

- 1 together, submitted to you-all, you-all look at it, and
- 2 say, yeah, we agree with that or we don't agree with it.
- 3 And are you -- you're familiar with that concept,
- 4 generally?
- 5 A. I'm very familiar with that concept.
- 6 Q. Okay. The -- the way that it works is, ADP puts
- 7 together their certification of completion, correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And then what happens?
- 10 A. They will submit an invoice on a monthly basis
- 11 with the supporting documentation confirming that this
- 12 is the work that was completed that prior month. That
- 13 will come to our contract management people. They will
- 14 do a validation, a review of the documentation. Plant
- 15 walk-downs to physically verify the scope of work is
- 16 done, you know, physically verify, for instance, if one
- 17 of the items claimed was that we make three radioactive
- 18 shipments, we can say show us this shipment
- 19 documentation. But it is a validation that the work is
- 20 done once.
- 21 Once we do -- once we agree, we approve the
- 22 invoice. The invoice will go through the Duke Energy
- 23 system. Eventually, it would go -- the treasurer to the
- 24 trustee. And the trustee will pay the invoice to ADP,
- 25 94 percent of that invoice, and the trustee will direct

- 1 the other 6 percent into the provisional trust fund.
- 2 So that's how -- there's a few other steps in
- 3 there. But that's the general flow path of work
- 4 completed, invoice generated, invoice validated, payment
- 5 made.
- 6 Q. I think you had said earlier that part of the
- 7 reason you got the NorthStar folks in is because this
- 8 was an area of expertise and specialization, this
- 9 nuclear disposal, and you-all felt it was best to bring
- 10 the experts in; is that fair?
- 11 A. It was more than just a waste disposal. It's
- 12 really the -- it's the whole project, is that that is
- 13 not an expertise Duke Energy possesses. So we brought
- 14 in -- like I said, we had four proposals. In our
- 15 evaluation of those proposals, we selected ADP for
- 16 those -- for the reasons. And -- but that is a key part
- 17 of it, between -- for the ADP partners, they bring a lot
- 18 of expertise.
- 19 O. Yeah.
- When you guys are reviewing these submissions,
- 21 will you bring in some -- someone with some expertise to
- 22 kind of look at the submissions and help you evaluate
- 23 where they are with the -- with the submission?
- I mean, it seems to me that they have expertise
- 25 you-all don't. Like you did with that consultant, maybe

- 1 bringing somebody in to help with that evaluation would
- 2 make some sense.
- 3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Objection; form.
- A. We could, but I'm going to be one of the people,
- 5 at least within the first year, that's doing the
- 6 contract management. And the other Duke Energy manager
- 7 that worked with me has been at Crystal River for over
- 8 35 years. So between our experience as -- and our
- 9 specific experience at Crystal River 3 and our project
- 10 experience, I'm very confident that we will validate
- 11 correctly as we go through this demolition project.
- 12 BY MR. MOYLE:
- Q. And there's a provision that I saw in this report
- 14 that said: "Disputed invoices will not be allowed to
- 15 exceed ."
- Are you familiar with that?
- 17 A. Very familiar, yes.
- 18 Q. So I'm guessing -- were you involved in the
- 19 contract negotiations?
- 20 A. I was involved at a higher level. The project
- 21 director and his team that reported to me probably did
- 22 the direct negotiations, but clearly, I was -- I was
- 23 involved at a higher level.
- 24 Q. Yeah.
- 25 So it's envisioned that there may be some

Page 173 disputes over -- over these schedule of values 1 2 submissions. 3 What happens if -- what happens if, you know, the 4 number gets over ? It's and v'all are 5 saying, no, you're not -- you're not there, you're not a 6 50 percent, we think you're at 30 percent, and there's a 7 dispute? 8 What's your understanding as to what happens 9 next? 10 That we won't ever go above because the next monthly invoice, we will withhold all or 11 12 portion of that to keep the total less than 13 That starts the very next invoice. Q. What if they say, well, you know, you're wrong on 14 15 that? You know, we need the money, and if you don't 16 give us the money, we're going to pull our people off? 17 They can't dispute my dispute. They have to 18 resolve my dispute. 19 Q. And how would they do that? 20 A. Finish the work. Because as I said this morning, 21 the , as it breaks the total scope of 22 work into smaller scopes of work, eventually, that work 23 will be completed. So even though I might have disputed it six months ago and we're trying to resolve it, 24 25 eventually the work is completed. And I will only have

- 1 paid the fixed amount for that work. So time alone can
- 2 settle some of these disputes.
- 3 I've got other contractual projections --
- 4 protections I can estimate to their executives. I can
- 5 do different things. But that's how we structured this
- 6 whole dispute and dispute resolution process.
- 7 Because over the 6 1/2 years, all of the work has
- 8 to be done for the fixed amount. So we're disputing it
- 9 incrementally in the life cycle of the project, but in
- 10 order to resolve it through agreements to keep the
- 11 total -- to drive the total back towards zero, that work
- 12 will finish and I would have only paid the fixed amount.
- Q. Have you guys developed the schedule of values?
- 14 A. That -- that is ADP's model. That is not a Duke
- 15 Energy Florida model.
- 16 Q. Right. But I assume for this to work, you've got
- 17 to have to have a schedule of values that you agree on,
- 18 right?
- 19 A. Make sure -- I'm not familiar with schedule of
- 20 values. Are you talking about the project schedule?
- 21 O. No. What I'm talking about is, like, in
- 22 construction projects, sometimes you see it. It's
- 23 like -- okay, it's usually like a house. You know,
- 24 doing the site work, after you do the site work, you get
- 25 10 percent. After you pour the foundation, you get

- 1 20 percent. After you put the -- you start going
- 2 vertical, you get another 20 percent.
- 3 So you're due monies after you achieve certain
- 4 points of project completion. And -- and that's my
- 5 understanding of how this project was set up.
- 6 A. Okay. Thank you for that. Now I understand your
- 7 question.
- 8 Attachment 7 in the DSA has the
- 9
- 10
- 11 For each of these items,
- 12 there's another level of detail below it that breaks
- 13 each of these line items into smaller components. And
- 14 that is what will be reported and asked to be paid for
- 15 in a monthly invoice.
- 16 Q. Okay. Thank you for that.
- 17 A. And very similar to what you described for a
- 18 construction project.
- 19 O. Yeah.
- 20 And the number that has -- the end of the
- 21 document, the -- that you're referencing, is it 540?
- 22 A. This is 540. This is the -- this is the fixed
- 23 amount Duke Energy is going to pay to do this scope of
- 24 work.
- Q. Okay. And Mr. Rehwinkel asked you a question

- 1 earlier, which is kind of why I'm asking this line of
- 2 questions, where he said, well, you know, if they get it
- 3 done and, you know, it didn't cost them nearly -- it
- 4 cost them half -- he didn't say that. But let's just
- 5 say it cost them, you know, 300 million. Do they get
- 6 all the money? And I think the answer was yes.
- 7 But you guys had already gone out and said,
- 8 here's what we think the dollars associated with each
- 9 step in the project is?
- 10 A. I'm not -- help me understand the question a
- 11 little bit better.
- 12 Q. Yeah.
- 13 Are there any -- are there any unassigned dollars
- 14 with that 540 that is not assigned to a specific task?
- 15 A. No. No. The items --
- 16 is the scope
- 17 of work that equals the fixed amount of the contract.
- 18 Q. Okay. Just at a high level of understanding of
- 19 the parent quarantees?
- 20 A. The parent guarantees are exhibits to the DSA.
- 21 There's one that totals 140 million between the two
- 22 parents, and that was committed to the NRC so that as
- 23 the NRC reviewed the license transfer application that
- 24 they did approve April 1st, that was in support of the
- 25 trust fund for -- to allow the NRC to include that the

- 1 ADP meets the financial requirements to be a licensee.
- There's a second set of agreements that -- I
- 3 forget the exact name -- that parent guarantee that is
- 4 for the total project cost of \$540 million.
- 5 Q. Okay. That -- that -- the exhibit that
- 6 we were asking some questions about, that I was asking
- 7 you some questions about, the risk document, I had a
- 8 question on 3.3. It says "key assumptions." This is
- 9 Page 12.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. It talks about there's an assumption you had
- 12 adequate funding to close the transaction?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. How much do you need to close the transaction?
- 15 A. I would have to find enough. But contractually,
- 16 there has to be \$50 million in the Crystal River reserve
- 17 account, which there -- there is today.
- 18 Q. And then probably 540 to put in the other
- 19 account?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. Did this hedging that's referenced in this, did
- 22 that take place?
- 23 A. Yes, sir, it did. And it was in place during
- 24 February and March of this year, when we saw the -- the
- 25 market climbing. It protected our trust fund. And our

- 1 trust fund has -- was largely unaffected. The hedge has
- 2 since expired.
- Q. Do you have plans to continue putting hedges in
- 4 place, given market conditions today?
- 5 A. I have not heard any discussions, mainly. And,
- 6 again, I'll tell you what I know. We liquidated a large
- 7 portion of the trust fund to remove it from the forces
- 8 of the market risks. There will be some portions that
- 9 we will continue to invest that could -- could be
- 10 impacted, but it's much smaller than it was when this
- 11 hedge was in place.
- 12 Q. Okay. Do you have a closing date for this
- 13 transaction, as we sit here today?
- 14 A. Yes. It's an estimated closing date.
- 15 Q. What is it?
- 16 A. I recently -- I shouldn't say I. We recently
- 17 changed our projected closing date to October 1st.
- 18 There are several reasons. But it -- we need -- we have
- 19 to do one the 1st of the month.
- 20 Q. Yeah. I think earlier on I saw a July closing
- 21 date.
- 22 A. Yeah. The date has moved. As we went through
- 23 these, review and approval processes, there's a lot
- 24 that -- that's going to happen, you know. Which I think
- in my closing date, there's employment actions that I

- 1 will need to take for employees that I will basically
- 2 terminate for -- from Duke Energy, and they will -- many
- 3 will go to work for ADP, others will retire. We've got
- 4 to finalize the sale of the fuel, close the transaction,
- 5 have the NRC issue the order making ADP the licensee.
- 6 So we have to -- that's why we have to manage the
- 7 closure date.
- 8 O. Yeah. Yeah.
- 9 You do know -- the spent nuclear fuel rods, do
- 10 you how those are viewed by the company from an
- 11 accounting standpoint? View that as an asset or
- 12 liability?
- 13 A. I don't know that.
- Q. My thinking is, is that it's probably a
- 15 liability, given, you know, all of the characteristics
- of it and it's already been used to generate energy.
- 17 Does that comport with how you would view it or
- 18 you understand it?
- 19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 20 A. I don't know how the spent fuel would be viewed
- 21 by Duke Energy finance.
- 22 BY MR. MOYLE:
- 23 Q. And part of this deal is somebody is buying
- 24 the -- you know, the spent fuel rods, right?
- 25 A. Yes. ADP is buying the -- the fuel assemblies

- 1 themselves, the canisters they're currently housed in,
- 2 the concrete over pipe that protects the canister, and
- 3 then the security system that surrounds it all until
- 4 it's -- DOE picks the fuel up.
- 5 Q. Do you have an understanding of if they are
- 6 paying you money for that?
- 7 A. They are going to pay us money. It's in
- 8 attachment -- excuse me -- Exhibit 1 of the DSA. It's
- 9 the purchase and sale agreement. And I think it's a
- 10 thousand dollars.
- 11 Q. 8,000?
- 12 A. 1,000.
- 13 Q. 1,000.
- 14 They may not be worth a lot of money?
- 15 Strike that. I appreciate you looking.
- 16 A. I think it's a thousand dollars.
- 17 Q. Page 16 of the -- of the document, where it's
- 18 asking you some questions about it.
- 19 A. I'm there.
- 20 Q. So this is the summary of the contracts. There's
- 21 five documents listed there.
- 22 Are all of these documents executed -- duly
- 23 executed and in place?
- A. Only Number 5, the preclosing and service
- 25 agreement. The other documents will be executed at

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- 1 closing.
- Q. And the -- and the that also
- 3 is not in place, right, as far as you know? There's not
- 4 an executed copy of the
- 5 A. Right. As far as I know, I don't know that ADP
- 6 has reached any agreement with Waste Control
- 7 Specialists.
- 8 Q. And earlier you had talked about waste disposal
- 9 being one of the largest costs.
- Just in a general -- in a general view, can you
- 11 put a percentage on that as a cost?
- 12 A. My recollection is it's -- the -- the packaging
- 13 transportation and disposal is approximately 25 percent
- 14 of the project cost.
- 15 Q. Would you-all look or evaluate -- you know,
- 16 25 percent of 500 million is 125 million.
- Did you-all look at what -- what the market might
- 18 be for that Utah facility?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 20 A. Their disposal cost was in their proposal. So we
- 21 can certainly compare the two. But the overall review
- of the proposals, we concluded ADP's fixed-price
- 23 contract was a much better deal for our Duke Energy
- 24 Florida customers.

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- 1 BY MR. MOYLE:
- Q. So it sounds like, from your answer, it's above
- 3 and beyond just disposal cost?
- 4 A. Right.
- 5 Q. Are you familiar with compacts, that companies in
- 6 certain regional areas have compacts?
- 7 A. Yeah, generally familiar. I know compacts have
- 8 been around. And there's one -- I forget the name of
- 9 the facility -- in South Carolina. It seems like 25 or
- 10 30 years ago, the states in which those compacts were
- 11 located greatly reduced the number of states who could
- 12 share in that compact.
- But to my knowledge, we're not -- Duke Energy
- 14 wasn't part of any compacts. And I don't know that ADP
- 15 is.
- 16 Q. And when you say "Duke Energy," you probably mean
- 17 Duke Energy Florida, not all of the Duke Energy
- 18 operating companies?
- 19 A. I will make a general statement that the waste
- 20 generated at Duke Energy's nuclear plants in North
- 21 Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida went to a common
- 22 facility. So I think I can assume from that that the
- 23 North Carolina and South Carolina plants may not be in
- 24 those compacts either.
- 25 Q. Where did -- where did the waste go there, you

- 1 know, from those facilities?
- A. A lot of that waste went to Clive, Utah. But
- 3 there's some -- there's some technical reasons how that
- 4 all plays out.
- 5 Q. So hypothetically, if we go along here and all of
- 6 a sudden some costs come up and the number is over
- 7 540 -- let's call it 600 million, and NorthStar says,
- 8 Hey, you know, these were not foreseen, these need to
- 9 come on your side of the ledger, what happens?
- 10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 11 A. That is on their side of the ledger. That's the
- 12 risk they agreed to take for this fixed-price contract.
- 13 And the protections that I described are built in here
- 14 with parent support agreements and such. We would
- 15 expect and honor those and complete the project.
- 16 BY MR. MOYLE:
- 17 Q. Yeah. But that doesn't apply to some regulations
- 18 from DEP, does it? That's a risk that you kept?
- 19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 20 A. That is a risk because, as I described this
- 21 morning, the End-State Conditions, if Florida Department
- 22 of Environmental Protection decided they wanted a change
- 23 in the End-State Conditions, that's a Duke Energy
- 24 Florida risk, yes, sir.

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- 1 BY MR. MOYLE:
- Q. Let's say that happens, and all of a sudden it's
- 3 600 million. Do you go -- do you go to the -- how do
- 4 you come up with that extra 60 million?
- 5 A. Would come out of the Crystal River reserve
- 6 account.
- 7 Q. How much is going into that account?
- 8 A. Approximately -- based on the -- I think this
- 9 morning I described it. The last value I saw for after
- 10 tax value of our current trust fund, which is probably
- 11 three weeks ago, it would be approximately \$120 million.
- 12 Q. Just give me a minute. I think I'm pretty close
- 13 to wrapping up.
- 14 A couple more on the spent nuclear fuel issue.
- Tell me -- tell me how -- let me -- let me just
- 16 tell you what my understanding is, and you correct me
- 17 where I think I'm wrong.
- 18 So the spent nuclear fuel, the -- the ownership
- 19 of that is being transferred to a third party. Duke is
- 20 not going to own the spent nuclear fuel, right?
- 21 A. Right.
- 22 Q. And it's going to remain on Duke's property.
- 23 Duke is going to say, okay, we'll let you keep it here
- 24 as long as you need to keep it here, unless and until
- 25 there's a suitable disposal option that arises; is

- 1 that -- is that right?
- 2 A. Yes, that's right.
- Q. Okay. And if there's a dispute -- if there's a
- 4 suitable disposal option that arises, what happens and
- 5 who pays for it?
- 6 A. Duke Energy Florida does not pay for it. There's
- 7 a standard contract between DOE and the owners of this
- 8 fuel that describes that. My understanding is
- 9 general -- generally DOE would be responsible for that
- 10 cost. I think ADP would be responsible -- this fuel is
- 11 stored in canisters. So I --
- 12 My recollection is that ADP would be responsible
- 13 for removing the canisters from the current storage
- 14 location and transported down to DOE's transportation,
- 15 likely a train, a specialty train. The DOE would pay to
- 16 load it and transport it. I'm not familiar with who
- 17 pays for it, or where they're going to take it. I think
- 18 that would have to be worked out.
- 19 That's my understanding for fuel. I'm not sure
- 20 that that same clarity of who pays for what exists for
- 21 the Greater-Than-Class C waste. But irregardless, Duke
- 22 Energy Florida will not pay for it. It will not be our
- 23 obligation. It won't be our obligation after the
- 24 closing date.
- Q. So as we sit here today, you don't see the

- 1 ratepayers of Duke Energy Florida in any way, shape, or
- 2 form being responsible for these spent nuclear fuel
- 3 rods? It's not an obligation to Duke and no way in the
- 4 heck does it flow to the ratepayers; is that right?
- 5 A. That's my understanding, yes, sir. Certainly
- 6 that's true contractually.
- 7 BY MR. MOYLE:
- 8 Q. Do you have any plan for what you will do to the
- 9 property for when the fuel rods get off of it?
- 10 A. As I think about the property -- and I thought
- 11 about the property a lot -- it's -- up until last year,
- 12 the Duke Energy property, over 4,700 acres, was under
- 13 NRC regulations. In the process to free release that,
- 14 we shrunk that footprint down to about 900, 800 acres.
- 15 At the completion of this project, where there is the
- 16 ISFSI only, it will be about 10 to 12 acres.
- 17 So there will be property that is removed from
- 18 the NRC restrictions over the course of this project.
- 19 It will still be Duke Energy's property. That property
- 20 is still in the vicinity of our operating coal fire
- 21 plants and the vicinity of the waterfronts that's
- 22 connected to our new gas powered plants.
- 23 So although there may be some reuse, it will
- 24 certainly still be an industrial complex. It will still
- 25 be near our Duke Energy generating plants. So I think

- 1 we may have some options. Been no decisions yet. But
- 2 it -- it is a lot of property that could be repurposed.
- 3 Q. Yeah. But if it is, it's probably an industrial
- 4 purpose, I guess you could conclude, right?
- 5 A. Yes, sir, that's what we currently envision.
- 6 Q. Yeah, okay.
- 7 MR. MOYLE: Well, listen, thank you for your --
- 8 your time. I appreciate it very much.
- 9 THE WITNESS: You're certainly welcome.
- 10 MS. BROWNLESS: Is it my turn?
- MS. TRIPLETT: Yes.
- MR. MOYLE: I think Jay was going to go last,
- 13 Suzanne. So I think it's your turn.
- MS. BROWNLESS: Thank you so much.
- 15 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MS. BROWNLESS:
- 17 Q. It's lovely to see you, Mr. Hobbs. As you know,
- 18 I'm Suzanne Brownless with the staff of the Florida
- 19 Public Service Commission. And we don't have all that
- 20 many questions, so this should go pretty quick.
- 21 As part of the ADP agreement, NorthStar will
- 22 perform project management, arrange for subcontracting
- 23 as needed, and perform a large majority of the decon
- 24 work; is that correct?
- 25 A. Yes, ma'am.

- 1 Q. Okay. Can you describe in detail the activities
- 2 and duties entailed in the term "project management"?
- 3 A. That would be an internal ADP process how they
- 4 want to organize -- organize that project, how they want
- 5 to organize their field oversight and control of those
- 6 activities, how they want to conduct the required safety
- 7 greetings. They have full leeway to do that.
- I do believe I will get to observe it. Because
- 9 we do have the owner's rights. I did observe -- I did
- 10 go to -- to the Vermont Yankee plant and spent two days
- 11 last fall. And I was able to watch how they were
- 12 organized. And it's typically -- although, clearly, all
- 13 I got was a snapshot.
- But they had -- they were working the schedules.
- 15 They had key managers responsible for various areas of
- 16 the plant. Their communication seemed to be very good.
- 17 They had a morning meeting and an afternoon meeting I
- 18 got to watch where they discussed the coordination and
- 19 schedule updates. So it's the -- it's the typical
- 20 things you'd want to see.
- 21 I don't know that ADP will do that at Crystal
- 22 River. But it seemed -- of course, I got to spend some
- 23 time with the project director and all of that. So it
- 24 was -- I guess it struck me as what I had anticipated I
- 25 would see. And given that NorthStar was a majority

- 1 owner, I would anticipate business being conducted at
- 2 Crystal River 3 similar to how it is at Vermont Yankee.
- 3 Q. I'm just going to name some types of roles and
- 4 see if you think these are appropriate.
- 5 Oversight of contractors would be included in
- 6 that term, perhaps?
- 7 A. In ADP's project management?
- 8 O. Yes.
- 9 A. I agree it would be a project management
- 10 activity.
- 11 Q. Acceptance of work?
- 12 A. Yes, I agree with that.
- 13 Q. Quality assurance review?
- 14 A. Yes, I would -- I believe the quality assurance
- 15 aspect of this type of a project is going to be
- 16 primarily with the packaging and transportation of the
- 17 radioactive waste.
- 18 Q. Yes, sir.
- 19 Establishing project and past schedules?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 O. Monitoring schedule adherence?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Estimating schedule and task completion
- 24 percentages?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Estimating project and budget -- and task
- 2 budgets?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Moderate -- monitoring budget variance?
- 5 A. That is a project management function. I don't
- 6 know how that will be performed. I did not see that
- 7 aspect when I was at the Vermont Yankee project.
- 8 Q. But that's kind of a standard thing one does,
- 9 right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Identifying, assessing, and mitigating project
- 12 risks?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Would you agree that in NorthStar's role in
- 15 project management, the frequent, accurate, and open
- 16 communication of project status to DEF is a necessary
- 17 element for its success?
- 18 A. I would -- I would say it differently. I would
- 19 say they have a contractual obligation to have frequent
- 20 and accurate communications with DEF, as described in
- 21 the DSA.
- 22 Q. Okay. And as a general rule, is accurate and
- 23 open communication required or a necessary element of
- 24 making sure that the project is overall successful?
- 25 A. I don't necessarily link the communication to the

- 1 owner as the project being successful because -- because
- 2 they're going to be the NRC licensee. Duke Energy
- 3 Florida does not have any rights to correct them how to
- 4 do anything, what to do, when to do it.
- 5 So that's the uniqueness of this project. So
- 6 although we are the owner and we are going to pay them
- 7 from our trust fund, we do not have the ability to tell
- 8 the NRC licensee, like I said, what to do, how to do it,
- 9 when to do it.
- 10 So I think that is a -- that may make this
- 11 project a little different than other projects we've all
- 12 been associated with.
- 13 Q. Okay. Can you describe what you would consider
- 14 to be the appropriate level of communication between
- 15 NorthStar and DEF?
- 16 A. Yes. And to the best of our ability, we tried to
- 17 put that in Attachment 9. And I talked a little bit
- 18 about it this morning.
- 19 It's clearly any -- an event, a significant
- 20 injury, a reportable event to the Florida Department of
- 21 Environmental Protection, a reportable event to the NRC,
- 22 all those types of things, contractually they have to
- 23 tell me within 24 hours. And then I can tell whom I
- 24 need to within Duke Energy. I will be at the plant site
- 25 weekly, at a minimum.

- 1 So there will be frequent tours and discussions.
- 2 And, again, that's our owner's rights here. Probably a
- 3 big part of a communication will occur, as we discussed
- 4 today, the invoice validation to ensure we're only
- 5 paying for completed work. And they have to give us a
- 6 lot of details. So we will know a lot about what is it
- 7 that they have done, how they progress, and we also have
- 8 the schedule. And they have to give us schedule
- 9 updates.
- 10 So on a real time basis, we will know a lot. We
- 11 can't necessarily influence it, but we have the right to
- 12 meet with them. We have the right to discuss what's
- 13 going on.
- 14 So those -- those are very frequent
- 15 communications on the overall status of the project.
- 16 And then you get into the more of the quarterly
- 17 meetings, where it's a little more formal to report and
- 18 then there's some annual reports. But fundamentally,
- 19 the communication is almost real time, the way we have
- 20 structured this.
- 21 O. Okay. I think you told Mr. Rehwinkel that from
- 22 2007 to 2011, you served as Duke CR3 plant -- at Duke
- 23 CR3 plant as project controls manager for the extended
- 24 upgrade project there.
- 25 Do I have that correct?

- 1 A. I believe it was 2007 till the end of 2010, yes.
- Q. Okay. Then in the -- starting in 2011, you
- 3 served as the general manager of CR3.
- 4 Do I have that right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. In your various roles at CR3, did you rely on
- 7 various periodic status reports, progress reports,
- 8 and/or presentations containing updated information that
- 9 were provided by either DEF CR3 project teams or
- 10 contractors working there on behalf of DEF?
- 11 A. Since I was and continue to be responsible for
- 12 the activities, I would say yes. There's -- there's
- 13 really no scope of work that goes on Duke Energy's
- 14 property that I am responsible for that I don't get the
- information I need to understand the project.
- Not -- I don't know -- did I answer your
- 17 question.
- 18 Q. Okay. Yes, sir.
- 19 Can you describe and give examples of the types
- 20 of reports that you have previously relied upon?
- 21 A. Typically, projects, when they put together --
- 22 I'm trying to think back to some of the projects we've
- 23 done in the last seven or eight years. You know,
- 24 there's really almost daily discussions.
- 25 Generally, we would use a monthly -- a monthly

- 1 report for internal -- for Duke Energy internal project
- 2 information to share.
- Q. Okay. Would you consider those to be the most
- 4 important reports that you relied upon?
- 5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 6 A. I really never thought -- I think they were
- 7 important. I don't know if they were the most
- 8 important. But certainly, a lot of information
- 9 generally would be accompanied, at least internally for
- 10 internal purposes, a discussion of the report. Yeah, I
- 11 think it's important.
- 12 BY MS. BROWNLESS:
- 13 O. So you would have daily discussions and then
- 14 monthly written reports. And I'm just trying to get an
- 15 idea what those monthly written reports would contain.
- 16 A. I would say typically, for our internal use, it
- 17 would give the project director a summary of the
- 18 previous month and talk about safety performance, both
- 19 the incidents, accidents, near misses, what was
- 20 happening to preclude getting people hurt on the job.
- 21 There would be a discussion of the schedule, schedule
- 22 performance, upcoming milestones, cost reporting to
- 23 budget projection. If there was any regulatory aspects
- 24 or environmental expert -- environmental aspects of the
- 25 project.

- 1 Those -- that's some of the types of information.
- 2 I'm sure there's others. I guess depending upon the
- 3 nature of the project, you could have a quality
- 4 assurance section. That was the -- as I recall, that
- 5 was the typical type of information we reviewed.
- 6 Q. And did you provide periodic project status
- 7 reports up the chain of command to your superiors?
- 8 A. Very infrequently. The monthly reports, from a
- 9 transparency standpoint, we can make available to
- 10 interested internal stakeholders, which there always
- 11 are. Maybe on an infrequent basis, an executive may ask
- 12 for maybe an in-person review, but that is extremely
- 13 rare --
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. -- in my experience.
- 16 Q. And the superiors to whom you would report would
- 17 have been? Could you tell me again?
- 18 A. Who do I report to?
- 19 O. No, sir.
- 20 When you -- I think you just indicated that you
- 21 gave periodic project status reports up the chain of
- 22 command.
- 23 And what I want to know is, can you tell me one
- 24 more time folks that would be asking for those types of
- 25 reports?

- 1 A. Well, in the last several years, it would be the
- 2 senior vice president that I report to.
- Q. Okay. And he's the senior vice president of
- 4 what?
- 5 A. Operation support.
- 6 Q. So you basically provided reports to your
- 7 superiors on an ad hoc basis; is that fair to say?
- 8 A. The monthly report that was prepared for me was
- 9 made available for them to review. If they had
- 10 questions, we could discuss the questions or the --
- 11 whatever it was. That's really how it kind of flowed.
- 12 When my -- when my senior vice president, when he
- 13 could attend, he would try to attend the meeting and had
- 14 accompanied reviewing the report.
- 15 Q. The monthly meeting, then?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Did the reports that you prepared include project
- 18 performance measures or dashboards?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And did it include budget variance reports?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Updates on change orders?
- 23 A. Projects that I have been affiliated with, I
- 24 don't recall a lot of discussion on change orders.
- I can't think of a project that I have had in the

- 1 last several years that change orders would -- would
- 2 exceed the contingency that we had built into the
- 3 original project setup. So that's probably -- and they
- 4 were relatively small projects. We had been in
- 5 decommissioning since 2013. So that's probably why that
- 6 is.
- Q. Was there a risk register or similar tool that
- 8 estimated both the likelihood of occurrence and
- 9 potential dollar impact of specific identified risks?
- 10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 11 A. If that's a tool, when appropriate, we would use
- 12 in some of the projects.
- 13 BY MS. BROWNLESS:
- 14 Q. Can you describe what use was made of the
- 15 information that your reports contained?
- 16 A. My understanding of the project.
- 17 Q. Okay. And were they relied upon to assess the
- 18 overall success of the project?
- 19 A. I think at the completion of each project, yes,
- 20 you would compare your safety performance, your schedule
- 21 performance, and your cost performance relative to your
- 22 initial estimates.
- 23 Q. So they were relied on when you got to the end to
- 24 assess the overall success of that project; is that
- 25 correct?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. And in evaluating the overall success, you would
- 3 evaluate what the key challenges or problems within the
- 4 projects were and the quality of work performed by the
- 5 contractors; is that right?
- 6 A. Yes. We have a lessons learned process and we
- 7 have a contractor evaluation process.
- 8 Q. Okay. Do you believe that overall, these reports
- 9 provided information that that was superior with
- 10 success, status, challenges, problems, quality of work,
- 11 and risks related to the project?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: You broke up a little bit
- there. Can you repeat the question, please?
- MS. BROWNLESS: Yes, sir, I will.
- 15 BY MS. BROWNLESS:
- 16 Q. Do you believe that overall, the information
- 17 contained in these reports provided information that was
- 18 essential for your superiors in assessing the success,
- 19 status, challenges, problems, quality of work, and risks
- 20 related to that specific project?
- 21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 22 A. I think that the report we're talking to is
- 23 merely a refresh -- reflexion of the project leadership
- 24 team.
- 25 So my view of a report is an opportunity to

- 1 understand the ongoing project and make adjustments as
- 2 needed, but the adjustments was in the leadership aspect
- 3 of the project. So I never thought about the monthly
- 4 report being a part of the critical success factor -- or
- 5 a critical success factor in a project. It is a
- 6 reflection of the project leadership team. And that's
- 7 how I've always viewed it.
- 8 So your question is just a different view that I
- 9 have -- it's not how I have historically thought about
- 10 reports.
- 11 BY MS. BROWNLESS:
- 12 Q. So you see the representation of what should be
- done in order to appropriately run a project?
- 14 A. I see it as a backward-looking view of how the
- 15 project is being implemented. And -- but it does give
- 16 the leadership team an opportunity to discuss
- 17 adjustments, challenges, what might need to happen.
- 18 O. Okay.
- 19 A. That's -- that's my personal view of a report.
- 20 Q. So is it fair for me to say that it's an
- 21 assessment tool as you're working through the project?
- 22 A. Yes, I would agree that it is a tool, from a
- 23 leadership perspective, through the life cycle of a
- 24 project.
- Q. Are you familiar with the prehearing position

- 1 statement filed by Duke in this docket?
- 2 A. I'm sure I read it. I don't --
- Q. Do I want to take a minute to get it together
- 4 there?
- 5 A. For your information, I didn't want to spend a
- 6 lot of time.
- 7 MS. BROWNLESS: And, Danny, it's issue Number 7
- 8 on the prehearing.
- 9 MR. HERNANDEZ: I'm going to put that in front
- of Mr. Hobbs.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Danny.
- 12 BY MS. BROWNLESS:
- Q. I'll give you a minute to look it over, sir.
- 14 A. Issue 7?
- 15 Q. Yes, sir. It's on page -- well, your pages
- 16 aren't numbered.
- 17 A. Yes, I am familiar with that issue and issue
- 18 response, yes.
- 19 Q. Thank you.
- 20 Can you just read your response for the record,
- 21 please?
- 22 A. I can.
- 23 "DEF will submit an annual report to the
- 24 commission to ensure that the decommissioning activities
- outlined in the DSA are completed. The report will

- 1 include the amount of funds paid to ADP CR3, LLC, from
- 2 the NDF during the previous years.
- 3 "The amount of funds remaining in the NDF, ADP
- 4 CR3, LLC, scheduled performance for the previous year
- 5 and project to date and assess with a future assessment
- of future schedule and pay projections."
- 7 Q. Okay. Does this list of plan reports
- 8 notifications in the prehearing statement match up with
- 9 every requirement that's listed in Attachment 9 to the
- 10 DSA?
- 11 A. I don't know if it matches up. But this
- 12 information will be available to Duke Energy Florida
- 13 from the reporting that ADP has the support to supply.
- 14 A lot of this information ADP will be required to supply
- 15 to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on an annual basis.
- 16 And as I said, contractually, they have to provide me
- 17 with any reports they make to a government agency.
- 18 So the -- this information will be available to
- 19 Duke Energy Florida, and as I responded in this -- in my
- 20 response, clearly, we can put this together and share
- 21 with the commission.
- 22 Q. And you would be willing to provide whatever
- 23 information came from ADP to the commission?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 25 A. I mean, I -- the way -- the way this was crafted

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- 1 was to give a high level -- remember, I'm going to get a
- 2 ton of information on a monthly basis that supports the
- 3 invoice. As we discuss this, we wanted to -- we wanted
- 4 to provide something more meaningful to the commission
- 5 on an annual basis than the -- the details of all of
- 6 that.
- 7 But with that said, as I said this morning, we
- 8 recognize the commission will need information. Just
- 9 exactly what that might be, maybe I don't know yet.
- 10 BY MS. BROWNLESS:
- 11 Q. Okay. And would it be provided to the commission
- on an annual basis, which is what your prehearing
- 13 statement says, or on a quarterly basis, which is what
- 14 we believe Attachment 9 says?
- 15 A. Attachment 9 is a quarterly report from ADP to
- 16 me. I'm not sure that will include the yearly aspects.
- 17 So if I go to Attachment 9, Attachment 9 also has annual
- 18 information --
- 19 Q. Yes.
- 20 A. -- and is -- annual information Section C of
- 21 Attachment 9, it says that they will give me the
- 22 information quarterly, but in addition, on or before
- 23 March 31st of each calendar year, the following. And it
- 24 says assessment of project schedule performance or
- 25 future projections with respect thereto,

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- and blah, blah, blah.
- 2 So that's the basis. It's not the quarterly
- 3 information, it was the annual information that's the
- 4 annual -- that that -- that time linked to what
- 5 contractually ADP will supply to me that I clearly
- 6 signalled that I'm willing to also share with the
- 7 commission, or at least with the --
- 8 Q. Can you help me understand about Attachment 9 and
- 9 the quarterly information, which you've got here as a
- 10 face-to-face meeting?
- 11 So you're not anticipating they will -- there
- 12 will be a written quarterly report? You're -- you are
- 13 saying that they'll simply be a face-to-face meeting
- 14 each quarter?
- 15 A. I did not specify that we would have a report
- 16 other than in the annual.
- 17 The reason that we structured this like we did --
- 18 so A is what I've been talking about, things that we
- 19 need to know about in a very short order, within
- 20 24 hours. B was an opportunity for not just me --
- 21 remember, I'm going to be the contract manager, me and
- 22 one of the managers who work for us. We're going to
- 23 have daily and weekly interactions.
- 24 So quarterly was intended for other internal Duke
- 25 Energy stakeholders that may want to come down or may

- 1 want to be involved.
- 2 So that was a little of formal -- a forum to do
- 3 it. And then the annual is where we're getting the
- 4 reporting in an annual meeting.
- 5 So that's how we structured it.
- 6 And then D, because, as we've discussed a lot
- 7 today, we don't know where the fuel and the
- 8 Greater-Than-Class C waste would go, I wanted to make
- 9 sure that Duke Energy understood that once -- once that
- 10 plan started getting put in place, that we understand,
- 11 even though ADP owns the fuel, I wanted to specifically
- 12 understand where it's going, how it's going, the risk
- 13 assessments, and all of that.
- 14 So -- and then E is, you can see what we're doing
- 15 there.
- 16 So that's how we structured Attachment 9.
- 17 Q. And I guess what I'm trying to ask is: Does DEF
- 18 have a problem with providing whatever written
- 19 information it gets when it does these face-to-face
- 20 quarterly meetings to the commission?
- 21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 22 A. I hadn't thought about it on a quarterly basis.
- 23 So I would say I don't know if I -- if I would object or
- 24 not. You know, I think right now, it's clearly idling
- 25 towards annual. I guess that's my answer. I don't know

- 1 that I object or don't object.
- 2 BY MS. BROWNLESS:
- 3 Q. Okay. Can you turn to the second set of
- 4 interrogatories, Number 15, please.
- 5 A. I have the second set in front of me.
- 6 Q. And it's Number 15.
- 7 A. All right. I'm at Number 15.
- 8 Q. This interrogatory asks about DEF CR3 current or
- 9 planned reporting tools, such as update presentations,
- 10 status reports, key performance indicator tracking, and
- 11 project dashboards.
- In your response, you state that DEF has no
- 13 current or planned use of CR3 decommissioning progress
- 14 reporting tools; is that correct?
- 15 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 16 Q. You also state that DEF expects to create
- 17 progress reporting tools for future use in connection
- 18 with the CR3 decommissioning.
- 19 Do I have that right?
- 20 A. Yes, you do.
- Q. Has DEF created CR3 decommissioning progress
- 22 reporting tools for future use in connection with the
- 23 CR3 decommissioning since the response date of this
- 24 interrogatory, and if so, what are those tools?
- 25 A. No, we have not. But this is in the context of

- 1 the annual reporting that's in Attachment 9.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. And I responded to this. And as I thought about
- 4 Attachment 9, I would -- I intend to prepare a formal
- 5 annual report from my frequent interactions with ADP on
- 6 the status of this project and send it to our regional
- 7 key personnel, our regional headquarters in
- 8 St. Petersburg, and then our corporate office in
- 9 Charlotte, North Carolina.
- 10 Q. Okay. So you're thinking about doing this on an
- 11 annual basis only?
- 12 A. Yes, ma'am, that's been my thought since we
- 13 started thinking about Attachment 9. That's my thought.
- 14 Now, once we get into the project, like any project, as
- 15 you're going forward in time, you may make different
- 16 decisions.
- 17 But at this point in time, I -- when I drafted
- 18 this response, it was in the context of the annual
- 19 meeting on Attachment 9.
- 20 Q. Okay. And do you have any plans for reporting
- 21 documentation to the commission related to this report?
- What are you planning to give the commission? I
- 23 guess is what I'm asking.
- A. I think it's what I said in the response to
- 25 Issue 7. I wanted to provide a high level that here is

- 1 the progress of the -- the project. Here's how much we
- 2 have spent. Here's how much work has been completed.
- 3 And as we have to tell -- as ADP has to tell NRC, here's
- 4 the remaining scope of work and here's the money that is
- 5 remaining in the subaccount.
- 6 And then ADP will have to make a statement of
- 7 fact in their annual NRC filing that they still have
- 8 sufficient funds in their trust fund for complete
- 9 decommissioning. And of course, I would include that
- 10 information in this annual report. That's the
- 11 understanding I had originally.
- 12 Q. So there would be one annual report, and that
- 13 would be prepared pursuant to Attachment 9, and that
- 14 report would be provided to your superiors and also
- 15 provided to the Public Service Commission?
- 16 A. Yes, that's what I intended in that response to
- 17 Issue 7.
- 18 Q. Okay. Can you look at your response to the
- 19 second set of interrogatories, Number 16?
- 20 A. Okay.
- 21 O. And this question regards the oversight role over
- 22 ADP decommissioning performance.
- 23 In this response, DEF states here that it plans
- 24 to contract with a consulting firm to independently
- 25 assess ADP's project performance and invoicing process

- 1 on a periodic basis; is that correct?
- 2 A. That is what this states.
- 3 Q. Okay. And the response date was October 16th of
- 4 2019; is that correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Has DEF made any progress since that time in
- 7 contracting with a consulting firm to independently
- 8 assess ADP's project performance and invoicing?
- 9 A. No, we have not. My response said we had plans
- 10 on a periodic basis. So if DEF determines that we would
- 11 want an independent look, we would, at that point, bring
- in a third party, but there's currently no plans to do
- 13 that.
- 0. At this time?
- 15 A. Today, correct.
- 16 Q. Yes, sir.
- 17 And what -- how does DEF plan to share the
- 18 results of any independent review with the Public
- 19 Service Commission?
- 20 A. I -- I haven't thought about that. I intended
- 21 this to be for internal use for Duke Energy Florida.
- 22 Again, I have very limited experience with the
- 23 commission. I don't know what is routinely shared or
- 24 not shared with the commission. So I'm not a -- I'm
- 25 really not in a good position to be able to tell you

- 1 that.
- Q. Okay. In that response, you state that ADP's
- 3 reporting and notification requirements to DEF are found
- 4 in Attachment Number 9 to the DSA.
- 5 And I think that's what we've been discussing,
- 6 correct?
- A. Correct.
- 8 O. Okay. Does this attachment contain all of ADP's
- 9 reporting and notification requirements to DEF?
- 10 A. No, it does not.
- 11 Q. Where are the other reporting requirements?
- 12 A. That there are some reporting requirements in the
- 13 closing. Section Article 4 is various information that
- 14 ADP will make available at closing to Duke Energy.
- 15 There are reporting requirements in Section 6.22,
- 16 financial statements. There are reporting requirements
- in 6.12 for walk downs and compliance meetings.
- 18 We've already talked a lot about the monthly
- 19 information reporting requirements that will accompany
- 20 the monthly invoice so that we can validate that we are,
- 21 in fact, paying for work that's complete. There are
- 22 audit rights in 9.9.
- 23 There are reporting requirements in Article 11
- 24 for schedule extensions. And there's reporting
- 25 requirements in Article 15 for events of default. And

- 1 there may be others in the other, you know, all of the
- 2 exhibits that attach with it. But there's a lot of
- 3 information and requirements throughout this entire
- 4 agreement that ADP has the obligation to inform Duke
- 5 Energy Florida for.
- 6 Q. And do you have a plan for how you're going to
- 7 provide this information to the Public Service
- 8 Commission?
- A. I do not.
- 10 Q. Did you intend to develop such a plan?
- 11 A. I haven't given it a lot of thought because I
- 12 don't routinely provide a lot of information about the
- ongoing decommissioning project now. I mean, we had a
- 14 decommissioning project in progress since 2013. And we
- 15 have -- we have cut the staff by probably 90 percent.
- 16 We have taken out of service all of the plant
- 17 structures, systems, and components. A lot of that
- 18 is -- I guess that was my frame of reference as I
- 19 thought about this project.
- 20 Q. So with regard to the information that is
- 21 contained in Attachment 9, basically where you are right
- 22 now is, you don't have an overall plan for when that
- 23 information is going to be given to the commission?
- A. No, I don't do that --
- Q. Is that right?

- 1 A. No, I think my response to Issue 7 showed the
- willingness that I will prepare the annual report with
- 3 the cost and schedule performance on an annual basis and
- 4 be happy to provide it to the commission.
- 5 Q. Okay. Would you have any difficulty in providing
- 6 that information on a quarterly basis as opposed to an
- 7 annual basis?
- 8 A. I think I might have difficulty because I won't
- 9 get information from ADP except on an annual basis.
- 10 Q. Well, aren't you getting -- having quarterly
- 11 meetings with them?
- 12 A. Because I wanted -- the information I wanted, I
- intended to supply the commission in my response. Also
- 14 included the formal determination of a financial
- 15 assurance that ADP must make to the NRC. And that only
- 16 happens in the March filing, the annual March filing.
- 17 So that's -- that was how I viewed these
- 18 reporting, including what I -- what I believe would be
- 19 sufficient information for the commission. That's just
- 20 my opinion. But that's the key to it. It's linked to
- 21 that March NRC filing associated with financial
- 22 assurance to complete the project.
- 23 Q. And in that filing -- well, let me ask this
- 24 question: Attachment 9 says that their recording --
- 25 reporting requirements organized for a 24-hour

- 1 notification; is that correct?
- A. Yes, that's Section A to Attachment 9.
- 3 Q. Right. And when did you intend to give that type
- 4 of information to the commission?
- 5 A. Again, I'm at a loss because over my career, I
- 6 have made reports to the NRC and to OSHA and other
- 7 governing agencies. And to my knowledge, I certainly
- 8 never reported any of that to the commission. So I'm
- 9 not saying that someone within Duke Energy didn't. But
- in my processes, there -- that did not happen.
- 11 O. I see.
- 12 All right. Can I get you to look at your direct
- 13 testimony, Exhibit TH-2, Page 9 of 12.
- 14 A. Okay. I have it. What was the page number? I'm
- 15 sorry.
- 16 Q. 9 of 12.
- 17 And it's your Exhibit 2.
- 18 A. Is it a table?
- 19 O. Yes, sir.
- 20 A. I have it.
- 21 O. Okay. And this page shows a determination for
- 22 annual accrual for decommissioning; is that correct?
- 23 A. That's the title of this thing, yes.
- Q. As part of the information on this table, it
- 25 shows DEF's projected owner costs annually from 2019

- 1 through 2038, correct?
- 2 A. I'm looking -- DEF, other costs -- yes, it shows
- an estimate of 77 million between 2019 and 2028 [sic].
- 4 Q. Okay. Are there any possible events which could
- 5 occur that would cause the owner costs to be much higher
- 6 than the amounts that are projected on this page?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And can you explain, please?
- 9 A. I have explained End-State Conditions is the
- 10 primary one. That is a Duke Energy Florida owner risk.
- 11 So that is -- contractually, that is the big risk that
- 12 would affect these numbers -- or this -- this estimate.
- Q. What plans does DEF have for reporting the actual
- 14 owner costs incurred to decommission the CR3, to the --
- and when I say "reporting," I mean reporting to the
- 16 Florida Public Service Commission.
- 17 A. I included -- when I said I was -- in my response
- 18 to Issue 7, I did not segregate the trust fund. I
- 19 intended to show both ADP expenditures and owner cost
- 20 expenditures so that the commission would have a view of
- 21 the total trust fund, current amounts and amounts spent
- in the prior year and the amount forecasted in the
- 23 future year. I intended that to be inclusive.
- Q. All right. And in the event of a large
- 25 singular -- I'm sorry. Let me start over.

- 1 In the event of a singular large actual or
- 2 projected owner cost deviation, how soon would DEF
- 3 provide notification of that event to the Public Service
- 4 Commission?
- 5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 6 A. We described the -- that there was a change in
- 7 End-State Conditions, and we described it in the -- in
- 8 our testimony. Collectively, the collaborative Duke
- 9 Energy folks, including many departments, that would
- 10 collectively decide the course of action. I would look
- 11 for guidance from my regulatory team and legal team to
- 12 advise me on when it would be appropriate, if it would
- 13 be appropriate to communicate with the commission.
- 14 So I would certainly not exclude the commission.
- 15 I just -- I'm not -- I don't feel that I'm the person
- 16 that would make that discussion.
- 17 But I have a large very talented team that could
- 18 certainly help in that determination of when and what we
- 19 would communicate.
- 20 BY MS. BROWNLESS:
- Q. Okay. How would DEF notify the commission in the
- 22 event of a singular large actual or projected owner cost
- 23 deviation?
- MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 25 A. Same answer as before. I don't -- I don't know

- 1 that, but I -- I believe someone within Duke Energy
- 2 Florida would know that and could help get us to go down
- 3 the right path.
- 4 BY MS. BROWNLESS:
- 5 Q. And I guess just generally, it would be -- you
- 6 would anticipate that the commission would be notified
- 7 at some point?
- 8 A. I would anticipate if an event like a -- a change
- 9 in End-State Conditions, I would anticipate that we
- 10 would be transparent with the commission.
- 11 MS. BROWNLESS: Can you give me just a minute,
- 12 please?
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- MS. BROWNLESS: Thank you.
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- 16 (Whereupon, a discussion was held off the
- 17 record.)
- 18 MS. BROWNLESS: Thank you, Mr. Hobbs. I
- 19 appreciate your patience.
- THE WITNESS: You're certainly welcome,
- 21 Suzanne.
- MS. BROWNLESS: Thank you. That's all I have.
- MR. BREW: I guess that means I'm up.
- 24 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 25 BY MR. BREW:

- 1 Q. Mr. Hobbs, can you hear me?
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- 3 Q. My name is James Brew. I represent one of Duke's
- 4 larger industrial customers. This hopefully will be
- 5 relatively quick. And I appreciate your stamina.
- If we could just stay at the exhibit you just
- 7 spoke to the staff about, the the-2, Page 9 through 12.
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. Just -- just to recap, I mean, you had spoke with
- 10 Mr. Rehwinkel that the current balance is more -- it's
- 11 in the order of 660 million, but this exhibit showed at
- 12 699. But at closing, you would move 540 million to the
- 13 IOI subaccount, and then the reserve would consist of
- 14 the balance, which on your exhibit, just to be
- 15 consistent, that would be 104 million after owner's cost
- 16 for that year; is that right?
- 17 A. I agree with the 50 -- 540. I'm trying to see --
- 18 I haven't look at this document.
- 19 O. I'm looking at the last column, the NDT
- 20 balance --
- 21 A. I see it.
- 22 Q. -- the 104,000,761.
- 23 A. Yes, sir. I see it now. That's correct. When
- 24 this analysis was done, 540 to the subaccount for the
- decommissioning, 104 for the Crystal River reserve

- 1 subaccount.
- Q. Got it.
- And just to be clear, once that 540 is moved at
- 4 closing, Duke can't use it for any purpose other than
- 5 paying the invoices under the DSA agreement; is that
- 6 right?
- 7 A. Yes, sir, that's correct.
- Q. And any owner's costs that are incurred come out
- 9 of the reserve; is that right?
- 10 A. Yes, that's right.
- 11 Q. Okay. And this column basically shows after the
- 12 CR closing, just the draws for owner's costs, while
- 13 accounts rose from assumed earnings; is that right?
- 14 A. Yes, that's right.
- 15 Q. So when it all goes as planned, we get to 2027
- 16 and ADP is finished decommissioning, dismantling,
- 17 packaging, and moving the materials off site; is that
- 18 right?
- 19 A. Yes, that's right.
- 20 Q. And restoring -- and restoring the site?
- 21 A. Other than the ISFSI, yes.
- Q. That's where I'm getting.
- 23 So that puts you at your interim End-State
- 24 complete, which means that other than the ISFSI,
- 25 everything else has been done; is that right?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. And at that point, ADP gets -- gets whatever
- 3 balance is left in the IOI account; is that right?
- 4 A. Yes, that's right.
- 5 Q. Okay. You mentioned earlier that as part of the
- 6 closing transaction, ADP -- I guess FS-1 will purchase
- 7 the ISFSI and the security assets for that installation;
- 8 is that right?
- 9 A. Yes, that's right.
- 10 Q. And that's the thousand dollar nominal payment
- 11 that was made or would be made?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And then presumably, Duke, at some point, will
- 14 correct its resale rates for the costs that were
- 15 included rates?
- 16 A. I'm not -- I'm not sure of the -- any rate impact
- 17 from this transaction.
- 18 Q. Okay. All right. ADP becomes solely responsible
- 19 for decommissioning and dismantling and moving materials
- 20 to an acceptable site, right?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. And that -- that site, at least for the low-level
- 23 waste, is presumably the Andrews, Texas site that's
- 24 owned by WCS?
- 25 A. Yes, that's right.

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Page 219 Q. Okay. And ADP takes responsibility for all fees 1 and license requirements and other things that Texas requires for placing those materials at that site; is 3 that right? 4 5 A. Yes, that's right. 6 ADP, as part of the agreement, is providing a 7 that you had mentioned would be put in the provisional trust; is that correct? 8 9 Α. Yes. 10 Q. Is that -- I'm sorry. Ιs 11 that - does that 12 requirement end when you get to the interim End-State 13 complete? 14 The way the transaction is structured is, as I described, we withhold 6 percent of the -- each 15 16 monthly invoice amount -- of the invoice amount, 17 94 percent of that will be paid to ADP, and the trustee 18 will direct 6 percent of it into the provisional trust. 19 So over time, as the cash builds -- and there's 20 an initial 21 As the cash 22 component increases over time, the 23 24 25

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- 1 Q. After -- after the is completed --
- 2 and we're talking now about the non-radiological and the
- 3 low-level waste only; is that right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Is there any remaining truck provisions that stay
- 6 in place after you get to interim End-State complete?
- 7 A. I'm not sure I understand your question.
- 8 Q. Let me try it a different way.
- 9 Duke will retain ownership of all of the real
- 10 property; is that right?
- 11 A. Yes, that's right.
- 12 Q. Including the property where the ISFSI is
- 13 located, right?
- 14 A. Yes, we will own the real property under the
- 15 ISFSI pad.
- 16 Q. You mentioned that was like 10 to 12 acres that
- 17 would still --
- 18 A. Right.
- 19 Q. -- will still be occupied by those facilities?
- 20 A. Right.
- 21 Q. And the refers to the
- 22 decommissioning and the dismantlement, not to the
- 23 disposal of the high-level waste and materials that are
- 24 in the ISFSI; is that right?
- 25 A. That's right, yes.

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- 1 Q. Okay. So is there -- are there any particular
- 2 guarantees that apply after the interim End-State
- 3 regarding the decommissioning of the high-level waste
- 4 that are located on Duke's property?
- 5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 6 A. ADP -- again, I'm not -- I'm not following. ADP
- 7 still has the obligations to move the fuel, to demolish
- 8 the ISFSI structures, perform site -- final site
- 9 radiological surveys, and give the NRC the information
- 10 they need, be it a license termination, to allow the NRC
- 11 to fully terminate the NRC license. That -- that
- 12 continues to be an ADP obligation. We continue to own
- 13 the real land.
- 14 BY MR. BREW:
- 15 Q. Okay. But my question was that there was a
- in the DSA that applies to the
- 17 disposal of the low-level waste, but there's no
- 18 corresponding guarantee or trust that applies with
- 19 respect to the high-level waste.
- Is that because it's owned by ADP --
- 21 A. Yes, there will be --
- 22 O. -- or ADP affiliate?
- 23 A. There will be an ISFSI trust, but it will be set
- 24 up and maintained by the new owner, ADP.
- Q. So -- so the ISFSI trust is not something that's

- 1 before us in this transaction?
- 2 A. It is discussed in the agreement, but it is not
- 3 part of the \$540 million that we are talking about with
- 4 respect to the nuclear trust fund.
- 5 Q. Okay. That's what I was getting to, okay.
- 6 Thanks. I'm glad you cleared it up.
- 7 The -- with respect to the high-level waste, ADP
- 8 will be -- will take over your slot with respect to the
- 9 lawsuits against the Department of Energy associated
- 10 with the cost of having to maintain the high-level waste
- on-site because there is no federal high-level waste
- 12 repository?
- 13 A. Right. We will -- as part of their fuel
- 14 purchase, they will take -- also give the standard
- 15 contract. And they each -- so as they seek
- 16 reimbursement of their spent fuel management cost, they
- 17 can seek reimbursement from the Department of Energy
- 18 either through making a settlement agreement or through
- 19 litigation. But that will be for them to do, not Duke
- 20 Energy Florida.
- 21 O. So Duke will have no role in that whatsoever?
- 22 A. No, Duke still has a role because Duke Energy
- 23 Florida will be entitled to the spent fuel management
- 24 cost that I'm currently funding from the trust from -- I
- 25 believe the time period will be from the beginning of

- 1 2019 to the closing date.
- 2 So there will be a year and a half or more that
- 3 Duke Energy will litigate in the future to -- for
- 4 reimbursement of our costs to go back into the trust
- 5 fund later this decade.
- 6 Q. So those would be additional funds that you would
- 7 seek reimbursement that you hadn't previously asked for?
- 8 A. We will wait until the closing date as soon as we
- 9 get permission to close. And then we will complete the
- 10 current litigation, I would imagine. And then we will
- 11 get into the process for the cost of what Duke Energy
- 12 rightfully should be reimbursed for, for DOE's failure.
- 13 But I think that rough time frame is going to be from
- 14 January of '19 till sometime late this year, you know,
- 15 if -- if we close.
- 16 I don't have a dollar estimate on that right now,
- 17 but I know that's the time frame. And we'll go -- we'll
- 18 get into that process. So that will be --
- 19 O. Okay.
- 20 A. But from the day of closing forward, ADP has
- 21 those same rights. So either one of those could end up
- 22 running parallel. But that's how that's going to work.
- 23 Q. And will ADP be leasing the ISFSI site from Duke
- 24 after closing?
- 25 A. There is a lease agreement being negotiated. I

- 1 believe it will include all of the areas that's defined
- 2 in the DSA that includes the ISFSI. But we will still
- 3 own the real property.
- 4 Q. Okay. But the lease is to be negotiated; is that
- 5 right?
- 6 A. Yes, that's my understanding, yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. The assumption in your petition has been
- 8 that you expected that DOE would finally have a
- 9 high-level repository and accept deliveries around about
- 10 2038; is that right?
- 11 A. That's right.
- 12 Q. Okay. If that doesn't take place -- strike that.
- 13 If there were sites -- is there a federal site
- 14 yet?
- 15 A. No, there is no federal site, either interim or
- 16 permanent at this time.
- 17 Q. Okay. And -- and DOE was supposed to start
- 18 accepting receipt of high-level waste about 25 years
- 19 ago?
- 20 A. It was roughly 1982, somewhere in there.
- 21 Q. Well, 1982 is the Nuclear Waste Policy Act,
- 22 right?
- 23 A. It was in 1990. I forget the exact date. You're
- 24 right.
- Q. It was around 1996 they were supposed to start

- 1 accepting the waste, right, if you know?
- 2 To the extent that there was not a high-level
- 3 waste repository established by that date, the
- 4 responsibility to continue to maintain the ISFSI
- 5 materials and security stays with ADP; is that right?
- 6 A. Yes, that's right.
- 7 Q. For however long it takes?
- 8 A. Yes, sir, for however long it takes.
- 9 Q. If they determine that there's not going to be a
- 10 federal repository, what would happen?
- 11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 12 A. I don't think that's been thought through. What
- 13 I would share with you and what I shared in testimony
- is, given our nation's difficulty locating a permanent
- 15 repository, there are two interim storage facilities
- 16 that have applications before the NRC. One is in west
- 17 Texas at the WCS property for interim storage. The
- 18 other one was issued by Holtec. And Holtec if the
- 19 license is approved, they intend to build an interim
- 20 storage facility in eastern New Mexico.
- 21 So as a nation, as we've been able to solve this
- 22 permanent repository, the current move is toward
- 23 interim. I don't know, you know, what the probability
- 24 of that might be. I know there's a lot of intention
- 25 going on within our industry. And I think there may

- 1 have to be some congressional involvement.
- 2 But my opinion would be that's the more likely
- 3 scenario, if we were capable of moving spent fuel from
- 4 the sites around the country. And there are several of
- 5 them that are ISFSI only so that those licenses can
- 6 be -- can be completely terminated and the
- 7 decommissioning trust funds closed. And like in our
- 8 case, we would anticipate returning funds in the trust
- 9 fund to customers and stakeholders.
- 10 So you asked me what would happen. I think right
- 11 now, the viable solution is interim storage, but there's
- 12 no guarantee that's going to happen either.
- 13 BY MR. BREW:
- 14 Q. But the prospect of refunds to Duke ratepayers
- 15 would follow from the actual removal of the high-level
- 16 waste from the Crystal River site; is that correct?
- 17 A. That's correct. I think we discussed that in
- 18 testimony. I'm not sure I have it. I think our -- I
- 19 think our testimony was that -- and, again, this is
- 20 really a legal question. But my understanding is that
- 21 since we can only pay for decommissioning activities
- 22 from the trust, that's why we would do that. But
- 23 there's also risk until the license is terminated. It
- 24 could be a change in End-State Conditions.
- 25 So that is our current view with respect to the

- 1 trust fund.
- 2 O. Okay. You talked a little bit about the waste
- 3 that would be delivered to Andrews, Texas. And that --
- 4 that site can accept Class A, B, and C waste, correct?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. But is currently not approved for
- 7 Greater-Than-Class C waste?
- 8 A. I don't think it's currently approved. I know,
- 9 just in discussions with ADP, since there are
- 10 affiliates, they are looking for the ability to shift
- 11 Greater-Than-Class C waste. They seem -- they seemed
- 12 positive that that was going to happen. I don't know
- 13 a lot about that business. It certainly is not licensed
- 14 to accept spent nuclear fuel.
- 15 Q. Okay. I get that.
- 16 But just sticking to Greater-Than-Class C waste,
- 17 you will have parts of the NSSS system and maybe the
- 18 reactor vessel that will come out as initially
- 19 Greater-Than-Class C, right?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. Okay. So I thought I heard you say that your
- 22 solution at this point -- or ADP's solution at this
- 23 point is to treat it along with the high-level waste; is
- 24 that right?
- 25 A. Yes, I did say that, but that's what caused the

- 1 Department of Energy to use the transportation and
- 2 storage of the high-level waste in the same manner as
- 3 they do the fuel. That's why the two end up being
- 4 together.
- 5 Q. So in this case, then, materials that show up as
- 6 Greater-Than-Class C either have to be decontaminated
- 7 before they're moved off site or they go to the ISFSI
- 8 and stay there?
- 9 A. They will -- they will be packaged and placed on
- 10 the ISFSI, along with the fuel canisters. They'll be in
- 11 canisters. And they -- the current plan would be that
- 12 they would be -- those fuel canisters would be
- 13 transported with the canisters of fuel to the DOE
- 14 facility or the interim facility at the same time.
- 15 Q. So for our current purposes, the
- 16 Greater-Than-Class C waste, for the time being, is not
- 17 going to leave Crystal River?
- 18 A. My current understanding, as I shared with you, I
- 19 know that there is discussions -- and it's a very
- 20 technical discussion, and that's why I don't get into
- 21 it. But the -- I have -- I have been in discussions
- 22 about different levels of waste and that
- 23 Greater-Than-Class C waste may be, from a definition,
- 24 could be further subdivided and give some options, not
- 25 just to this project, but all of these projects that are

- 1 ISFSI only. They have that Greater-Than-Class C waste
- 2 that is generated during demolition. It's sitting
- 3 there.
- 4 So this is for all of the sites that are ISFSI
- 5 only. Where that goes, I don't know. I know that's the
- 6 way the -- that could come up with a different time
- 7 table or solution that currently exists today.
- 8 Q. Okay. Will the storage of those materials at
- 9 Crystal River change the footprints that's required for
- 10 storing those materials?
- 11 A. I'm sorry. Ask me that again, sir.
- 12 Q. Duke continues to own the land and will be
- 13 leasing the ISFSI's location to ADP.
- 14 Will the requirement be -- the effective
- 15 requirement of keeping the Greater-Than-Class C waste
- 16 on-site until there's an acceptable repository require
- 17 ADP to lease more land?
- 18 A. I do not think so. When I say 10 to 15 acres,
- 19 let me better explain that.
- 20 The actual ISFSI structure that is surrounded by
- 21 the security system is really about an acre and a half.
- 22 There are requirements to have an exclusionary -- or
- 23 that's probably the wrong word -- but an isolation area
- out to 100 meters, but that's for those purposes, not
- 25 security purposes. And then --

- A. We know that there will have to be a heavy haul
- 3 path to get from the current location to the rail spur.
- 4 There would -- it would not make sense to try to release
- 5 that property until it's all gone. So the actual active
- 6 part of it is about an acre and a half. But I would
- 7 anticipate 10 to 15 acres to give the room to do the
- 8 transport of the canisters to the -- to the rail spur.
- 9 Q. I understand.
- 10 Can I -- I'll refer you to your rebuttal
- 11 testimony, Page 10, please.
- 12 Let me know when you've got it.
- 13 A. All right. I'm on Page 10.
- Q. You're on Item Number 5.
- 15 It says that ADP pays for all of the costs
- 16 associated with operating and maintaining the ISFSI. No
- 17 funds from the NDF paid for the spent fuel management
- 18 costs.
- 19 MR. BREW: And for the stenographer, NDF,
- 20 Nuclear Decommissioning Fund.
- 21 BY MR. BREW:
- 22 Q. My question is: The statement that no funds from
- 23 the NDF pay for the spent fuel management costs, are
- 24 there any funds coming from Duke from any source to pay
- 25 for the spent fuel management costs after closing?

- 1 A. No.
- Q. Okay. On Page 11, Item 12, Line 17, it talks
- 3 about the accelerated determination of the NRC license
- 4 from 2073 to 2039. The 2039 date requests what we just
- 5 discussed about, at that point do you expect the federal
- 6 government will have a repository that can accept
- 7 high-level waste?
- 8 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 9 Q. Okay. Bear with me just a second.
- Back on Page 3 of your rebuttal, you were
- 11 previously asked about this statement, but on Lines 1 to
- 12 4, you say that if the commission imposes any of the
- 13 enhancements that Mr. Polich recommends on the DSA, this
- 14 transaction that's contemplated by the DSA will not
- 15 close, and thus customers will not recognize the
- 16 significant benefit to the deal.
- 17 Do you see that?
- 18 A. I do see that.
- 19 Q. Okay. If the commission determines that the
- 20 risks to Duke consumers aren't acceptable, should it
- 21 direct adoption of conditions that would mitigate those
- 22 risks?
- 23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 24 A. I think the commission has the authority to do --
- 25 to do those types of things. My point is that we would

- 1 not be able to close this transaction. And then I go on
- 2 further to list what some options would be for Duke
- 3 Energy Florida to consider.
- 4 BY MR. BREW:
- 5 Q. Okay. And one of those options would be for Duke
- 6 and ADP to determine that the conditions proposed by the
- 7 commission are, in fact, acceptable and they'll decide
- 8 to move forward regardless --
- 9 A. Possibly.
- 10 Q. -- is that right?
- 11 A. Possibly.
- 12 Q. Okay. During your discussion with Mr. Rehwinkel,
- 13 he reviewed a number of statements that you went through
- 14 in your scenarios, basically on Pages 16 through 20 are
- 15 most of those scenarios. You indicated your opinion
- 16 that it was not likely that Duke would file a petition
- 17 with the commission for cost recovery.
- 18 Do you recall that?
- 19 A. I do recall that, yes.
- 20 Q. And I don't want to go through each of them, but
- 21 there were six or seven references that made a similar
- 22 statement; is that right?
- 23 A. Yes, that's right.
- Q. And your response to Mr. Rehwinkel is that you
- 25 thought the likelihood of Duke filing a petition was not

- 1 likely, but possible; is that right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. In any of the scenarios where you claimed that it
- 4 was unlikely that Duke would petition the PSE for
- 5 relief, is it likely that Duke would simply absorb any
- 6 resulting cost increases?
- 7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Object to form.
- 8 A. I think I addressed that in my testimony. And I
- 9 tried to describe the protections in the DSA and the
- 10 options we have between whatever the occurrence is
- 11 versus the -- the necessity to go back to the customers.
- 12 And they're pretty broad ranging from, you know, looking
- 13 at the -- two examples I'll share is look at the Crystal
- 14 River reserve account as a source, return it to SAFSTOR
- 15 and letting it go.
- 16 So our intentions would be to use those
- 17 protections in the DSA. So that is why it is very
- 18 unlikely we would go back to customers, because we have
- 19 a lot of -- of time left to get this completed out to
- 20 2073, and we built those protections into the DSA.
- 21 So that's why my opinion, as stated in my
- 22 testimony, is that it's very unlikely.
- MR. BREW: That's all I have. Thank you so
- 24 much.
- THE WITNESS: You're certainly welcome.

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Page 238 1 07/01/2020 TERRY HOBBS c/o DANIEL HERNANDEZ, Esq. 3 Shutts & Bowen, LLP 4301 West Boy Scout Boulevard Suite 300 4 Tampa, Florida 33607 dhernandez@shutts.com 5 In Re: June 25, 2020, Deposition of TERRY HOBBS 7 Dear TERRY HOBBS: This letter is to advise that the transcript for the above-referenced deposition has been completed and is available for review. Please contact Anthem Reporting 888.909.2720 to make arrangements for read and sign or sign below to waive review of this transcript. 10 It is suggested that the review of this transcript be completed within 30 days of your receipt of this letter, 11 as considered reasonable under Federal Rules*; however, 12 there is no Florida Statute to this regard. 13 The original of this transcript has been forwarded to the ordering party and your errata, once received, will be forwarded to all ordering parties for inclusion in 14 the transcript. 15 Sincerely, 16 Jazzmin A. Musrati, RPR, CRR 17 Registered Professional Reporter Certified Realtime Reporter 18 cc: CHARLES J. REHWINKEL, Esquire 19 DANIEL HERNANDEZ, Esquire 20 Waiver: 21 ____, hereby waive the reading and signing of my deposition transcript. 22 23 Deponent Signature Date 2.4 *Federal Civil Procedure Rule 30(e)/Florida Civil Procedure Rule 1.310(e)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition to approve transaction for accelerated decommissioning services at CR3 facility, transfer of title to spent fuel and associated assets, and assumption of operations of CR3 facility pursuant to the NRC license, and request for waiver from future application of Rule 25-6.04365, F.A.C. for nuclear decommissioning study, by Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

DOCKET NO.: 20190140-EI

FILED: June 22, 2020

NOTICE OF DEPOSITION DUCES TECUM

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NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Rule 28-106.206, Florida Administrative Code and Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.310, the Office of Public Counsel will take the deposition of the following named individuals at the location and time indicated below:

NAME	DATE and TIME	LOCATION
Jeff Adix Terry Hobbs	June 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. June 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.	Via Zoom Link (Link will be circulated to witness and counsel by Court Reporter prior to deposition)

Terry Hobbs is requested to have with him:

- 1. All documents containing the analyses, notes, report(s) and other work product of the TRC scrub Team as discussed on pages 7-9 of your direct testimony.
- 2. All communications between the TRC Scrub Team and the TRC related to the analysis and recommendations contained on pages 8, Line 14 through Page 9, Line 7 of your Rebuttal Testimony.

EXHIBIT 16/25/20 - JM

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- 3. All documents relied upon by the TRC in its deliberations and decisions reflected in the March 2019 recommendation that the DSA should be approved as described on Page 9, Lines 8-9 of your rebuttal testimony.
- 4. All workpapers, analysis, memoranda, notes, and supporting documents (including documents relied upon, consulted and referenced) in the development of his testimony in this matter.
- 5. All documents the deponent reviewed and/or considered in preparing his testimony in this matter.
- 6. All drafts of any supplemental testimony the deponent has provided or prepared in this matter.
- 7. All workpapers, analysis, memoranda, notes, and supporting documents (including documents relied upon, consulted and referenced) the deponent reviewed and/or considered in preparing or providing his supplemental testimony in this matter.
- 8. All notes the deponent prepared concerning or related to your supplemental testimony in this matter.

Jeff Adix is requested to have with him:

- 1. All workpapers, analysis, memoranda, notes, and supporting documents (including documents relied upon, consulted and referenced) in the development of his testimony in this matter.
- 2. All documents the deponent reviewed and/or considered in preparing his testimony in this matter.
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- 5. All notes the deponent prepared concerning or related to your supplemental testimony in this matter.
- 6. The agreement referred to on page Page 9, lines 8-11
- 7. The documents showing the calculation of the market value of the companies with similar profiles discussed on Page 11, lines 12-13.
- 8. The documents showing the calculation of the dollar amount of revenue backlog shown on page 11, lines 18-19

A telephonic conference line will be made available if a party wishes to participate telephonically and has made arrangements to view confidential information. This deposition shall be taken upon oral examination before an official court reporter or other officer authorized by law to take depositions. The deposition is being taken for purposes of discovery, for use at trial, and

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Please govern yourselves accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket No. 20190140-EI

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Citizens' Notice of Deposition to Duke Energy Florida has been furnished by electronic mail on this 22nd day of June, 2020, to the following:

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC to Approve Transaction with Accelerated Decommissioning Partners, LLC for Accelerated Decommissioning Services at the CR3 Facility, Transfer of Title to Spent Fuel, and Assumption of Operations of the CR3 Facility Pursuant to the NRC License, and Request for Waiver From Future Application of Rule 25-6.04365, F.A.C. for Nuclear Decommissioning Study

DOCKET NO.: 20190140-EI

Dated: July 2, 2020

TERRY HOBBS RESPONSES TO LATE-FILED DEPOSITION EXHIBITS ON BEHALF OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC

Late filed Ex. 2 - ANI / NEIL Premium assessment. Please explain who will be responsible for paying premium for each policy.

Article 14 of the DSA describes the insurance arrangement. In summary

- DEF will continue to maintain the nuclear insurance policies with NEIL and ANI
- Contractor and Buyer will be will be named as additional insureds
- DEF will pay the premiums and be entitled to any return premiums
- DEF will invoice ADP CR3 for the portion of the premiums related to the ISFSI assets from the Closing Date through reaching through reaching End-State Conditions
- ADP CR3 will pay any claim deductibles for damage they caused or Force Majeure
- DEF will pay for ADP CR3 supplemental environmental policy
- ADP CR3 will maintain transportation-related insurance

Late filed Ex. 3 – List of disbursements made from NDT between February 2013 and May 31, 2020.

1.	License Termination	\$108.4M
2.	Spent Fuel Management	\$191.4M
3.	Site Restoration	\$7.5M

Late filed Ex. 4 – Explanation of difference between \$131M and \$90M recovery.

The decrease is related to the assumed total claim of approximately \$131M and the guidance Duke Energy received from outside counsel on the amount we should assume we will receive from DOE in litigation which, in their opinion, is approximately \$90M.

Late filed Ex. 5 – Project contingency estimate.

Estimated Uncertainty/Risk contingency is approximately 12.5%

Late filed Ex. 6 – Northstar financial condition analysis and peer comparison.

The subject matter experts verified that NorthStar's financial condition was in line with its peers but did not produce a report or analysis document.