| 1  | BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD                            |
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| 3  | AMERICAN BOTTOM CONSERVANCY,   |
| 4  | EAST ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY ACTION  |
| 5  | NETWORK, KATHY ANDRIA AND JACK   |
| 6  | NORMAN,  |
| 7  | Petitioners,   |
| 8  | vs. PCB No. 00-200   |
| 9  | VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY   |
| 10 | AND WASTE MANAGEMENT OF  |
| 11 | ILLINOIS, INC.,  |
| 12 | Respondents.   |
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| 14 | Proceedings held on August 22, 2000, at 10:07 a.m., at the             |
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| 1  | PROCEEDINGS  |
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| 2  | (August 22, 2000; 10:07 a.m.)                                    |
| 3  | HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Good morning. My name is John           |
| 4  | Knittle. I am the Chief Hearing Officer with the Illinois        |
| 5  | Pollution Control Board. Today is August 22nd. It is             |
| 6  | approximately 10:07 a.m.   |
| 7  | We are here on Pollution Control Board matter PCB 2000-200,      |
| 8  | entitled American Bottom Conservancy, East St. Louis Community   |
| 9  | Action Network, Kathy Andria and Jack Norman versus the Village  |
| 10 | of Fairmont City and Waste Management of Illinois, Incorporated. |
| 11 | I want to note for the record that the room we initially         |
| 12 | scheduled this hearing for, the County Board Conference Room,    |
| 13 | Room B-564, is adjacent to this room. We are in the larger       |
| 14 | facility. I do want to note that I have posted a sign on the     |
| 15 | door of the initially noticed room in case any members of the    |
| 16 | public come and want to attend the hearing. They will be able to |
| 17 | see that we are right next door and they will hopefully come     |
| 18 | here.  |
| 19 | I do note that there are, to the best of my knowledge, two       |
| 20 | members of the public present. Just so you know, folks, we do    |
| 21 | encourage and are receptive to all public comments in this       |
| 22 | matter. Generally we do that at the end of the hearing after     |
| 23 | both parties have presented their cases-in-chief. I would ask    |
| 24 | that you be sworn in and subject to cross-examination by either  |

- 1 of the parties.
- We are also are going to have a written public comment
- 3 period after the hearing is over where you can submit any
- 4 comments that you have in a written form to the Illinois
- 5 Pollution Control Board. We have not set the time line for that
- 6 written public comment period yet. We will do that later, but it
- 7 will be a very brief public comment period because of the time
- 8 lines of this case.
- 9 This hearing was noticed pursuant to Board regulations and
- 10 the Illinois Environmental Protection Act. It will be run
- 11 pursuant to Board regulations and conducted specifically pursuant
- 12 to Sections 103.202 and 203, which prescribes the order and
- 13 conduct of hearings.
- Just so everybody knows, and I think most of the
- 15 participants probably do. I don't make the ultimate decision in
- 16 this matter. That is the Illinois Pollution Control Board,
- 17 comprised of seven members throughout the State of Illinois.
- 18 They get together and have board meetings and vote on matters,
- 19 and they will be addressing this by October 20th of the year
- 20 2000, which is the statutory decision deadline in this case. To
- 21 the best of my recollection there is a Board meeting on October
- 22 19th. I would imagine that is when the decision will be
- 23 rendered.

- 1 get a transcript that the Board can take back and review and rule
- 2 on any evidentiary and discovery matters and things like that.
- 3 So, that being said, I would like the parties to introduce
- 4 themselves starting with the petitioner.
- 5 MS. HOMEYER: Yvonne Homeyer, attorney for all of the
- 6 petitioners, American Bottom Conservancy, East St. Louis
- 7 Community Action Network, Kathy Andria and Jack Norman.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Thank you. And I will note for
- 9 the record that both Mr. Norman and Ms. Andria are here today
- 10 with us.
- 11 All right, Mr. Moran.
- 12 MR. MORAN: Donald Moran, on behalf of respondent, Waste
- 13 Management of Illinois, Inc.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Thank you.
- 15 MR. BARICEVIC: John Baricevic, representing the Village of
- 16 Fairmont City.
- 17 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Thank you very much. To the best
- 18 of my knowledge, we do not have preliminary matters, but now is
- 19 the time if we want to address them.
- 20 Ms. Homeyer, do you have anything that -- am I saying your
- 21 name correctly?
- MS. HOMEYER: That's correct.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Do you have anything?

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- 1 discuss.
- 2. HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- MR. MORAN: None. 3
- HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- 5 MR. BARICEVIC: No.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. Let's get started. Ms.
- 7 Homeyer, you have an opportunity to provide an opening statement
- if you would like.
- 9 MS. HOMEYER: No, I am ready to just go ahead and put the
- 10 witness on.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Any opening statement from the
- respondents? 12
- MR. MORAN: None. 13
- MR. BARICEVIC: No. 14
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. Ms. Homeyer, your
- 16 first witness, please.
- 17 MS. HOMEYER: Thank you. I am going to call Kathy Andria
- 18 as my first witness.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: If you will just have a seat.
- 20 The court reporter will swear you in.
- 21 (Whereupon the witness was sworn by the Notary Public.)
- 22 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. Ms. Homeyer, your

- 23 witness.
- MS. HOMEYER: Thank you.

1 KATHY ANDRIA,

- 2 having been first duly sworn by the Notary Public, saith as
- 3 follows:
- 4 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 5 BY MS. HOMEYER:
- 6 Q. State your name, please.
- 7 A. Kathy Andria.
- 8 Q. What is your address?
- 9 A. 3488 Collinsville Avenue, East St. Louis.
- 10 Q. Are you one of the individual petitioner's in this
- 11 matter?
- 12 A. Yes, I am.
- 13 Q. Are you associated with American Bottom Conservancy?
- 14 A. Yes, I am.
- 15 Q. What is American Bottom Conservancy?
- 16 A. It is a not-for-profit organization incorporated in the
- 17 State of Illinois, whose mission is to preserve, protect,
- 18 enhance, restore and promote the natural, cultural and historical
- 19 resources of the American bottom and to educate the public as to
- 20 the value of those resources.
- 21 MS. HOMEYER: Mr. Hearing Officer, I would like to
- 22 introduce into evidence Petitioner's Exhibit Number 1, which is a

- 23 certificate of good standing for American Bottom Conservancy.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?

1 MR. MORAN: No objection.

- 2 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- 3 MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: This will be admitted.
- 5 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 6 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 1 and admitted into
- 7 evidence as of this date.)
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: Thank you.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am going to call this P-1 on my
- 10 exhibit list, for your records.
- 11 MS. HOMEYER: Thank you.
- 12 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) What is your connection with American
- 13 Bottom Conservancy?
- 14 A. I am one of the directors.
- 15 Q. And who are the other directors?
- 16 A. Kathleen O'Keefe, Jack Norman, and John Kelly.
- 17 Q. Do you work in close proximity to the Milam Landfill?
- 18 A. Yes, I do.
- 19 Q. And would you be impacted by the siting of the
- 20 expansion?
- 21 A. Yes, I will.

- 22 Q. What is East St. Louis Community Action Network?
- 23 A. It is a direct action umbrella coalition of 26
- 24 neighborhood and community groups that have formed to work to

- 1 empower citizens and to work to improve the quality of life of
- 2 the citizens -- the residents and the businesses of East St.
- 3 Louis, the City of East St. Louis.
- 4 Q. Is it a not-for-profit corporation?
- 5 A. Yes, it is a not-for-profit and it is incorporated in
- 6 the State of Illinois.
- 7 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer into evidence
- 8 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 2, which is a certificate of good
- 9 standing for East St. Louis Community Action Network.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 11 MR. MORAN: No objection.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- 13 MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: This is admitted.
- 15 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 16 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 2 and admitted into
- evidence as of this date.)
- 18 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) What is your affiliation with East St.
- 19 Louis Community Action Network?
- 20 A. I am an officer and secretary of the organization, and
- 21 as such a member of the board, and I am also the chair of the

- 22 environment committee.
- 23 O. Do the residents of East St. Louis live in close
- 24 proximity to the site of the Milam Landfill?

- 1 A. Yes, they do.
- Q. Would they be impacted by the proposed expansion?
- 3 A. Yes, they will.
- 4 Q. Ms. Andria, were you present at the hearing in front of
- 5 the Village of Fairmont City on March 17th, 2000?
- 6 A. Yes, I was.
- 7 Q. Who else did you represent at that hearing?
- 8 A. I represented American Bottom Conservancy, East St.
- 9 Louis Community Action Network and myself.
- 10 Q. And are you here on behalf of yourself and American
- 11 Bottom Conservancy and East St. Louis Community Action Network
- 12 today?
- 13 A. Yes, I am.
- Q. Do you have a college degree?
- 15 A. Yes, I do.
- 16 Q. What is it?
- 17 A. It is a Bachelor of Arts.
- 18 Q. Have you taken any post graduate studies?
- 19 A. Yes, I have.
- 20 Q. In what?

- 21 A. Some public administration course work and
- 22 not-for-profit management and communication.
- Q. Where did you take those courses?
- 24 A. SIU.

- 1 Q. Have you been involved in environmental and community
- 2 activities prior to your involvement with this petition?
- 3 A. Yes, I have.
- 4 Q. Could you just briefly describe in the past year what
- 5 some of those community and environmental activities have been?
- 6 A. I work with a county -- a two county -- actually, it is
- 7 three county, stormwater, Metro-East stormwater management group.
- 8 We are working to try to get legislation for stormwater
- 9 management for the area. I am working with the City of East St.
- 10 Louis to try to identify the causes of flooding in the city and
- 11 to try to do something -- to do something to fix the sewers.
- 12 I am a member of the Metro-East Sustainable Growth
- 13 Resources Group that is working on the task force -- the Illinois
- 14 State Growth Task Force that is trying to put together
- 15 legislation on growth. And I do wetlands education.
- 16 Q. Have you been involved in any siting hearings before?
- 17 A. Yes, I have.
- 18 Q. How many?
- 19 A. Three others.
- 20 Q. Did any of them involve Waste Management as the

- 21 applicant?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Have you ever been involved in any prior expansion of
- the Milam Landfill?

- 1 A. No, I have not.
- Q. Are you familiar with the Milam Landfill?
- 3 A. Yes, I am.
- 4 Q. In what city and county is it located?
- 5 A. It is located in Fairmont City, the Village of Fairmont
- 6 City, in St. Clair County.
- 7 Q. And roughly where is it located in reference to highways
- 8 and other major --
- 9 A. It is at kind of the juncture of Highway 55, 70, 40 and
- 10 Highway 203. The ones are interstates and the other one is, I
- 11 believe, a state highway. It is on the Cahokia Canal, directly
- 12 on the Cahokia Canal. And it is about, I would say, a mile north
- 13 of East St. Louis.
- 14 Q. Is it across from Gateway International Raceway?
- 15 A. It is directly across from Gateway International Race
- 16 Track.
- Q. What neighborhood or neighborhoods in East St. Louis are
- 18 the closest in proximity to the landfill?
- 19 A. The Goose Hill neighborhood is -- would be located on

- 20 the other side of the race track. And the Emerson Park
- 21 neighborhood is the first -- it is adjacent to Fairmont City,
- 22 right there.
- Q. And how far do you estimate that to be?
- 24 A. It is about a mile.

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- 1 Q. How far is your office on Collinsville Road from the
- 2 Milam Landfill?
- 3 A. It is about two miles.
- 4 Q. How close is the Milam Landfill to Cahokia Mounds?
- 5 A. It is -- from the landfill to the mound, the Cahokia
- 6 Mounds, it is about 2.8 miles, two and a half, somewhere in
- 7 there. It is also about a mile from some other Mounds that are
- 8 located in East St. Louis and Fairmont City.
- 9 Q. Ms. Andria, when and how did you first become aware that
- 10 Waste Management was going to file an application for a vertical
- 11 expansion of the Milam Landfill?
- 12 A. It was -- there was a notice in the Belleville
- 13 News-Democrat. I think it was October 30th. It was a public
- 14 notice.
- 15 Q. Of what year?
- 16 A. Of 1999, stating of their intent to file an application.
- 17 Q. For the vertical expansion?
- 18 A. For the vertical expansion.
- 19 Q. Was a hearing eventually held on Waste Management's

- 20 application in front of the trustees of the Village of Fairmont
- 21 City?
- 22 A. Yes, there was.
- Q. What was the day of the hearing?
- 24 A. March 17th, 2000.

- 1 Q. And did you attend that hearing?
- 2 A. Yes, I did.
- 3 Q. I believe you already testified that you attended not
- 4 only individually but on behalf of American Bottoms Conservancy
- 5 and East St. Louis Community Action Network; is that correct?
- 6 A. American Bottom, no S.
- 7 Q. I am sorry. Thank you.
- 8 A. Yes, American Bottom Conservancy and ESL CAN.
- 9 Q. Now, ESL CAN --
- 10 A. That is E-S-L, space, C-A-N. That's the abbreviation
- 11 for the East St. Louis Community Action Network.
- 12 Q. Are you claiming that the hearing of March 17th, 2000,
- 13 and the procedures that preceded and followed it up to the date
- 14 of the public comment were fundamentally unfair?
- 15 A. Most definitely I am claiming that.
- Q. And are you further claiming that as a result of the
- 17 fundamental unfairness of the hearing and the procedures before
- 18 and after, up to the date of the public comment, that as a result

- 19 of that you have been prejudiced and harmed?
- 20 A. Absolutely.
- 21 Q. Would you please tell us in what respects you are
- 22 claiming that the public hearing and the procedures that
- 23 proceeded and followed it were fundamentally unfair?
- 24 A. Well, the hearing itself started out -- it was unfair

- 1 from the very moment it started to the very end of the hearing.
- 2 The hearing officer, we later learned, is the brother-in-law of
- 3 the county board chairman, who is also the Village attorney for
- 4 Fairmont City, which was the siting authority.
- 5 Q. And who is that?
- 6 A. That is John Baricevic and Grey Chatham.
- 7 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer --
- 8 THE WITNESS: Mr. Chatham was the hearing officer.
- 9 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer into evidence
- 10 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 3, which is a letter from Baricevic
- 11 to myself dated August 14th, 2000, stating that Mr. Chatham and
- 12 Mr. Baricevic are brother's-in-law.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- MR. MORAN: No objection.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- 16 MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 17 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: This will be admitted.
- 18 MS. HOMEYER: Thank you.

- 19 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 20 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 3 and admitted into
- 21 evidence as of this date.)
- 22 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Are there any other respects in which
- 23 you are claiming that the hearing and the procedures preceding
- 24 and following it were fundamentally unfair?

- 1 A. Well, Mr. Baricevic and Mr. Chatham, the hearing
- 2 officer, also share a law office.
- 3 Q. And on what do you base that conclusion?
- 4 A. We learned about that in the newspaper -- the next day
- 5 in a newspaper from the reporter who had been at the hearing.
- 6 And then it was confirmed by driving past the office and it is in
- 7 the phone book that they share the same phone numbers.
- 8 Q. Okay. What address do they have law offices at?
- 9 A. I think it is 4010 Illinois Street.
- 10 Q. In Belleville?
- 11 A. I think it is in Swansea.
- 12 Q. How many local phone directories cover the area of
- 13 Belleville, Fairmont City, East St. Louis and other cities in St.
- 14 Clair County?
- 15 A. I don't know total how many. There is a McLeod
- 16 Directory which is published, which I don't know anything about
- 17 the company. But it is one that is commonly used. And the

- 18 Ameritech Directory, and they have one for East St. Louis and one
- 19 for Granite City, but they include other areas of the Metro-East
- 20 area.
- 21 Q. Now, did you examine the directories that cover the
- 22 period of March 17th, 2000?
- 23 A. Yes, I did.
- 24 Q. And what did you learn from the directories about the

- 1 phone numbers of Mr. Chatham and Mr. Baricevic's law office?
- 2 A. Mr. Baricevic and Mr. Chatham have the same phone
- 3 number. Mr. Baricevic's listing under attorney has the same
- 4 phone number as Mr. Chatham's number under the attorney.
- 5 Q. How many phone listings are there for Mr. Grey Chatham?
- 6 A. There may be two, but I think there is only one in the
- 7 business pages. He may have a personal --
- 8 Q. I am just talking about the business pages.
- 9 A. Business pages, one.
- 10 Q. How many listings for Mr. Baricevic?
- 11 A. There are two.
- 12 Q. Okay. I am handing you what has been marked as
- 13 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 5. What directory does this purport
- 14 to be?
- 15 A. This is the -- I think this is the 1999-2000.
- 16 Q. Which directory?
- 17 A. This one.

- 18 Q. Which directory?
- 19 A. The McLeod USA, May 1999 to 2000, Madison and St. Clair
- 20 County Directory.
- 21 Q. According to that directory, what phone number is listed
- 22 for Mr. Grey Chatham's law office?
- A. Mr. Grey Chatham, attorney, is 233-2200.
- Q. And how many listings are there for Mr. John Baricevic?

- 1 A. There are two.
- Q. What are the phone listings?
- 3 A. The one that they have first, that is 222-2000, and then
- 4 they have down John Baricevic, attorney, is 233-2200, which is
- 5 the same as the one listed for Mr. Chatham.
- 6 Q. Okay. Have you also had a chance to examine the
- 7 Ameritech Directory?
- 8 A. Yes, I have.
- 9 Q. Which directory did you examine?
- 10 A. The one that was enforce at the public hearing, which is
- 11 Ameritech 1999 to 2000. It says keep until December 2000.
- 12 Q. All right. How many listings are there for Mr. Grey
- 13 Chatham?
- 14 A. For Mr. Chatham, there is one listing for Mr. Chatham,
- 15 233-2200.
- 16 Q. And for Mr. John Baricevic?

- 17 A. And for Mr. Baricevic there are two, 222-2000 and
- 18 233-2200.
- 19 Q. Thank you.
- 20 A. I need better glasses.
- 21 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit
- 22 Number 5 and Petitioner's Exhibit Number 6 into evidence.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Could we take them one by one.
- 24 Which is Number 5?

- 1 MS. HOMEYER: Petitioner's Exhibit Number 5 is from the
- 2 McLeod Directory.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: This is a photocopy of a McLeod
- 4 directory phonebook --
- 5 MS. HOMEYER: Yes, we have the original.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: -- with Mr. Baricevic's and Mr.
- 7 Chatham's telephone numbers highlighted, correct?
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: Yes.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Is there an objection, Mr. Moran?
- 10 MR. MORAN: None.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- 12 MR. BARICEVIC: No.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: That is Petitioner's 5. That is
- 14 admitted.
- 15 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 16 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 5 and admitted into

- evidence as of this date.)
- 18 MS. HOMEYER: I would also like to offer into evidence
- 19 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 6 which is from the Ameritech
- 20 Directory and contains highlights of Mr. Chatham's phone listing
- 21 and two listings for Mr. John Baricevic.
- 22 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Any objection, Mr. Moran?
- MR. MORAN: No.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?

- 1 MR. BARICEVIC: No.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. Both of those are
- 3 admitted.
- 4 MS. HOMEYER: Thank you.
- 5 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 6 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 6 and admitted into
- 7 evidence as of this date.)
- 8 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) In what other respects are you claiming
- 9 that fundamental unfairness occurred?
- 10 A. Well, when the hearing started, Mr. Moran, the attorney
- 11 for Waste Management, gave a little slide show presentation to
- 12 the Board and then presented his application and rested on his
- 13 application, period. He was -- he said he was not going to call
- 14 any witnesses.
- 15 Q. Were you surprised by that?

- 16 A. Totally surprised. I have been to three hearings. I
- 17 had never seen that before. I assumed it was legal because Mr.
- 18 Moran is an expert on siting, but it was just totally -- I mean,
- 19 it was just -- I thought it was totally fundamentally unfair.
- Q. How were you prejudiced by that strategy?
- 21 A. Well, we were put in the position of having to call the
- 22 witnesses. We were put in the position of having to have known
- 23 what everything was in without hearing each expert come, as in
- 24 other hearings I have been to, to testify what it is that is in

- 1 their report. There was -- that was not done in this case. The
- burden was on us, the citizens, to carry the whole hearing
- 3 forward.
- 4 Q. Are you making any other claims of fundamental
- 5 unfairness?
- 6 A. Yes. When Mr. Moran put his exhibit and said this is
- 7 our application and we rest on it, it was marked as an Exhibit 1
- 8 and I asked to see it and I asked to examine it and I asked him
- 9 to please --
- 10 Q. When you say "him," who did you direct it to?
- 11 A. Him, I asked Mr. Moran to -- the hearing officer to let
- 12 Mr. Moran to let me see it, and the hearing officer said no. He
- 13 said, it has been down at the Village and if you wanted to see it
- 14 you could have seen it by now.
- 15 Q. Were there any other respects in which you are claiming

- 16 fundamental unfairness?
- 17 A. Yes. The hearing officer throughout the hearing
- 18 sustained every objection of Mr. Moran's. He even made
- 19 objections of his own. He ruled on things before hearing my
- 20 argument. He wouldn't let me pursue argument. He wouldn't let
- 21 me -- he stopped a number of what I thought were relevant lines
- 22 of inquiry. There were just a whole bunch of different things
- 23 that he did.
- 24 He kept -- throughout the hearing he kept saying -- he

- 1 would not let me put anything into exhibit. He said you will
- 2 have your turn, you will have your turn. He kept saying this is
- 3 cross-examination. Well, it wasn't cross-examination because
- 4 there hadn't been testimony. He said at the -- the hearing
- 5 officer said at the hearing to Mr. Moran, he said, Mr. Moran, put
- 6 whatever witness. I had to call the witness. Mr. Norman and I
- 7 had to call the witness to say what we wanted and they would
- 8 provide who was to come up, and then he -- the hearing officer
- 9 said to Mr. Moran, somewhat qualify him, not what is his
- 10 testimony, what is his report, somewhat qualify, meaning don't
- 11 give us too much to go on. Then when I would start to pursue
- 12 lines of questioning, he would say that is beyond what he
- 13 testified to. Well, I would have only been able to ask him about
- 14 what his history was or where he works or something. I mean,

- 15 that is fundamentally unfair.
- 16 Ο. What about exhibits?
- The exhibits, he would not let me hand in. He kept 17
- saying, you will have your turn. You will be able to hand them 18
- in. You will be able to do it. So he kept leading me on like I 19
- 20 was going to be able to do it. So I didn't fight too hard, I
- 21 guess. I objected, but he wouldn't -- he kept saying you will be
- 22 able to hand them in.
- 23 Q. What happened when you tried to introduce your exhibits?
- 24 Α. He denied my exhibits and he denied a floodplain map.

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- He said --
- 2 Ο. Without going into specifics, was there any exhibit he
- 3 did admit?
- He admitted the Cahokia Mounds brochure. A.
- Was there any objection to that exhibit? Q.
- 6 There was no objection. Α.
- 7 Is that the only exhibit that you were allowed to Ο.
- introduce into evidence? 8
- 9 That was the only exhibit that I was allowed to Α.
- 10 introduce.
- What were you told you could do with your exhibits? 11 Q.
- 12 Well, throughout the hearing when he said I could hand
- 13 them in at the end and then he wouldn't let me, and then --
- Q. And then at the end what did he say? 14

- 15 A. -- at the end he said, well, you can put them in public
- 16 comment.
- 17 Q. Let's talk about some of those claims separately. When
- 18 did you first hear that Mr. Chatham and Mr. Baricevic were
- 19 brothers-in-law?
- 20 A. After you got involved. After we retained an attorney.
- 21 Q. And have you raised that allegation in your amended
- 22 petition?
- 23 A. Yes, we did.
- Q. Does Mr. Baricevic's client, the Village of Fairmont

- 1 City, benefit in any way from a host agreement entered into
- 2 between Waste Management and the Village of Fairmont City?
- 3 A. Most definitely.
- 4 (Whereupon a document was duly marked for purposes of
- 5 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 4 as of this date.)
- 6 Q. Ms. Andria, I am handing you what has been marked as
- 7 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 4. What is this?
- 8 A. This is the host agreement between the Village of
- 9 Fairmont City and Waste Management of Illinois.
- 10 Q. What date was that signed?
- 11 A. It was signed on May 19th, 1999.
- 12 Q. And do you recall approximately when Waste Management's
- 13 application for the vertical expansion was filed?

- 14 A. The application, I believe, was filed November 19th. I
- 15 am not --
- 16 Q. Of what year?
- 17 A. Of 1999.
- 18 Q. Okay. And in what ways does the Village of Fairmont
- 19 City benefit economically from its agreement with Waste
- 20 Management?
- 21 A. Well, as soon as they receive a permit from --
- Q. A nonappealable?
- 23 A. A nonappealable permit from the IEPA they get
- 24 \$330,000.00. They also get an increase in the fees that have

- 1 been being paid to them from the waste that is put into the
- 2 landfill. That increased at the beginning of this year, and it
- 3 says in the agreement that if they don't get siting then they
- 4 have to pay that increase back.
- 5 Q. Are there other economic benefits in that agreement as
- 6 well?
- 7 A. Yes, there are.
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: Okay. I would like to offer into evidence
- 9 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 4.
- 10 THE WITNESS: I want to point out one thing.
- 11 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Certainly.
- 12 A. I noticed, as I was looking at this, that there are
- 13 certain exhibits that are referred to that are not a part of

- 14 this, and we have not been privy to the exhibits.
- 15 Q. All right. Where did you find Petitioner's Exhibit
- 16 Number 4, the host agreement?
- 17 A. The host agreement was with the application.
- 18 Q. Were the exhibits to the host agreement with the
- 19 application?
- 20 A. They were not.
- 21 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer into evidence
- 22 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 4.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- MR. MORAN: The only point I would make is this is already

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- 1 part of the record. There is really no need to admit it
- 2 separately. It was part of the siting application. It is part
- 3 of the record that was certified by the Village. It is merely
- 4 duplicative to add it here.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Is that an objection --
- 6 MR. MORAN: Yes.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: -- or just a point of --
- 8 MR. MORAN: Well, no, it is an objection. We don't need to
- 9 clutter this record with more paper than is already in the
- 10 record.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic, anything to add?
- 12 MR. BARICEVIC: Well, similar objections. If she is

- 13 introducing it separately as an exhibit, she needs to prove it
- 14 up. That would have to be from the Village clerk or from the
- 15 parties. If she wants to admit it or reference it as part of the
- 16 application, then I don't have any objection.
- 17 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer, in light of the fact
- 18 that this is part of the record before the Pollution Control
- 19 Board, do you still want to admit this as a separate exhibit?
- 20 MS. HOMEYER: I would. I think it would be easier to
- 21 address in the briefing if I could refer to the exhibit rather
- 22 than go back to the C pages. Since it is simply repetitive of
- 23 the application, which includes this, among many other pages, I
- 24 would like to offer it for the purpose of clarity to more easily

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- 1 address it in the briefing.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Is there any objection if she
- 3 introduces it just for ease of writing and clarity in terms of
- 4 the post hearing briefs?
- 5 MR. MORAN: Well, in fact, I don't think it would
- 6 contribute to any clarity. I think it would just confuse matters
- 7 because we have the record, as was pointed out, that have C
- 8 numbers identifying each of the pages of the agreement. It would
- 9 be easier to refer to that agreement that is currently in the
- 10 record than to refer to what would be I guess a P-5 or 6
- 11 designation and then identify different pages of this separate
- 12 agreement.

- 13 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- MR. BARICEVIC: Concur.
- MS. HOMEYER: May I respond?
- 16 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Yes, and then I will make a
- 17 ruling.
- 18 MS. HOMEYER: We have not been provided with a copy of the
- 19 record on appeal.
- 20 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: So this is your only copy of the
- 21 host community agreement? You don't have a copy of the record on
- 22 appeal?
- MS. HOMEYER: No, it was not provided to us.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: It was not served on the

- 1 Petitioners?
- 2 MR. MORAN: Well, certainly, the notice of what was
- 3 contained in the record, I believe, was served on all of the
- 4 parties, which is all the Village has to do. The Village is
- 5 under no obligation to provide the record on appeal to all of the
- 6 parties who may be interested. That is the obligation of the
- 7 petitioners to, obviously, obtain the record if they should so
- 8 choose.
- 9 MR. BARICEVIC: None has ever been requested.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: By?
- 11 MR. BARICEVIC: (Indicating.)

- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: You are indicating Ms. Homeyer?
- 13 MR. BARICEVIC: Correct. Well, Ms. Homeyer, Ms. Andria,
- 14 anybody.

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- 15 MS. HOMEYER: Well, that is because they would charge us
- 16 for it, and we can't afford to pay for 13,000 some copies. I am
- 17 just saying that I don't believe that anyone is disputing the
- 18 authenticity of this exhibit. This is my case, and I believe it
- 19 would be clearer for me to present my case if I were allowed to
- 20 present this as a separate exhibit.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Right. I am going to deny this
- 22 exhibit or not admit this exhibit, but not because I don't think
- 23 it would be clear. It is because I don't think this has been
- 24 properly qualified via foundation. I think Mr. Baricevic's

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- arguments are correct that I have no way of knowing, looking at
- 2 this, by what the testimony has already provided, that this is
- 3 the valid host community agreement and the same as in the record.
- 4 So in light of that I am going to have to go with what we
- 5 have in the record at the Board, because I know it is an exact
- 6 and more accurate copy. So I am denying this exhibit. But I
- 7 will take it back to the Board, and if you want to appeal my
- 8 decision to the Illinois Pollution Control Board in your post
- 9 hearing brief or in a separate motion, they will entertain that.
- 10 MS. HOMEYER: I didn't hear any attorney say this was not
- 11 the correct host agreement copy.

- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: No, but Mr. Baricevic did, in
- 13 fact, say that he is objecting because he doesn't think the
- 14 proper foundation is being laid, and that's the objection I am
- 15 sustaining.
- 16 MS. HOMEYER: All right.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Could I ask a question?
- 18 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, who provided you with a
- 19 copy of that agreement?
- 20 A. Waste Management.
- 21 Q. Does the County of St. Clair stand to benefit in any way
- 22 if the siting is approved for the vertical expansion?
- MR. MORAN: Objection. Relevance.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer?

- 1 MS. HOMEYER: Mr. Baricevic is not only the attorney for
- 2 the Village of Fairmont City, he is also the chairman of the
- 3 board of St. Clair County.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Anything further, Mr. Moran?
- 5 MR. MORAN: Well, clearly the fact that Mr. Baricevic may
- 6 also hold an office within the county does not come away with any
- 7 explanation as to the relevance objection because what we are
- 8 dealing with here, I believe, is a fundamental fairness claim and
- 9 some implied claim that somehow any indirect benefit that might
- 10 flow to the county somehow affects the fundamental fairness of

- 11 these proceedings. I don't think there is any connection or link
- 12 between the two. Frankly, there was not a link between Fairmont
- 13 City benefits and the proposed application either, based on the
- 14 case law. Here we are going one step further and now trying to
- 15 draw St. Clair County into this web. I don't see any basis for
- 16 connecting any possible benefit, which we have not heard about,
- 17 to St. Clair County to this application and some claim of
- 18 fundamental unfairness.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer, your response?
- 20 MS. HOMEYER: Yes. This is a matter of common knowledge.
- 21 It is not prejudicial to any party and it certainly is relevant
- 22 to show all of the hats that Mr. Baricevic was wearing.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am going to overrule the
- 24 objection and allow the question to stand.

- Do you need it read back, Ms. Andria?
- THE WITNESS: I do. I am sorry.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Could you read it back.
- 4 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read
- 5 back by the Reporter.)
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yes, it does.
- 7 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) In what way?
- 8 A. It currently is getting tipping fees from the landfill,
- 9 probably a million dollars a year. That would stop if the
- 10 landfill were not expanded. It would continue for another four

- 11 years if it were expanded.
- 12 Q. Did Mr. Baricevic ever make any statements to you
- 13 concerning his involvement in the negotiation of the host
- 14 agreement between the Village of Fairmont City and Waste
- 15 Management?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. When did he make that statement to you?
- 18 A. We were talking at a break during the hearing.
- 19 Q. What hearing?
- 20 A. During the public hearing --
- 21 Q. On March 17th?
- 22 A. -- of March 17th.
- Q. What did he tell you?
- 24 A. He indicated that he had worked with drafting it.

- 1 Q. Do you claim that you were prejudiced by the fact that
- 2 the hearing officer of the March 17th public hearing, Mr. Grey
- 3 Chatham, was related to Mr. Baricevic as brother-in-law?
- 4 A. I didn't hear the first couple of lines of your
- 5 statement.
- 6 Q. Do you claim that were you prejudiced --
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. -- by the fact that the hearing officer of the March
- 9 17th, 2000 hearing, Mr. Grey Chatham, is the brother-in-law of

- 10 Mr. John Baricevic?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. In what way do you believe that you and the petitioner's
- 13 were prejudiced?
- 14 A. Mr. Chatham seemed to conduct the hearing in a none
- 15 partial way -- or in a partial way, and not in an impartial way
- 16 and seemed to favor the Village and Waste Management.
- 17 Q. And you base that on what conduct of the hearing
- 18 officer?
- 19 A. In that it was one-sided. Everything was -- that we
- 20 tried to do was objected to. Everything that they did was
- 21 accepted.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. And he acted more as an advocate or like a third lawyer
- in the room for them, frankly.

- 1 Q. Does that claim of prejudice extend to the fact that Mr.
- 2 Chatham and Mr. Baricevic have some relationship with respect to
- 3 their law practices?
- 4 A. Absolutely. I think it is very unfair to bring in your
- 5 own person to be a hearing officer. A hearing officer is
- 6 supposed to be impartial and fair.
- 7 Q. Now, you earlier claimed that one of your claims of
- 8 fundamental unfairness was the fact that Mr. Moran did not call
- 9 any witnesses to testify on behalf of Waste Management; is that

- 10 correct?
- 11 Α. That's correct.
- All right. How were you prejudiced by that? 12 Q.
- 13 As I started to say earlier, the burden of carrying on Α.
- 14 the hearing was on us. We are not attorneys. We are citizens.
- 15 We had to -- we were supposed to know what -- everything that was
- 16 contained in the report because they just gave a little sketch, a
- 17 bio sketch to qualify them as experts. But then he didn't refer
- 18 to what their testimony was. We had to elicit material.
- 19 Were you allowed to see the Waste Management application
- 20 at the hearing?
- 21 No. The hearing officer said, no, you can't see it. I Α.
- 22 mean, it was entered -- it was an exhibit and he did not let us
- 23 see it.
- Q. Were all of the experts that had reports in the 24

- application present at the hearing?
- 2 I don't know how many of them were present. I know that
- the traffic person was not there.
- 4 How were you prejudiced and -- how were you and the
- 5 other petitioners prejudiced by the hearing officer's refusal to
- show you or make Mr. Moran show you the Waste Management
- 7 application after it had been admitted as Exhibit Number 1?
- 8 Well, first of all, we didn't know what was in it. We

- 9 had not seen the application at the Village. We didn't know if
- 10 this was the same thing that had been there. We didn't have an
- 11 opportunity to look at it, to go through to then ask each of
- 12 the -- for the experts what was going on and, you know, what they
- 13 said and ask them questions from their report.
- 14 Q. Now, did you -- have you ever been given any papers from
- 15 Waste Management that were represented to you to be the Waste
- 16 Management application?
- 17 A. Yes, we have.
- 18 Q. Okay. And how soon prior to the March 17th hearing did
- 19 you see documents given you by Waste Management that were
- 20 represented to be the application?
- 21 A. About two weeks.
- 22 Q. Okay. Did you make photocopies of part of the
- 23 application?
- A. Yes, we did.

- 1 Q. And did you have part of that application, as
- 2 represented to you by Waste Management, at the hearing?
- 3 A. Yes, we did.
- 4 Q. Now, how were you prejudiced by not being able to see
- 5 Exhibit Number 1, when you had part of the application with you?
- 6 A. Because we had not known that we were going to have to
- 7 carry the burden of the questioning. I mean, we had questions
- 8 framed and we had not had a lot of time. We just had two weeks

- 9 that we had this document. So we didn't have time to go into it
- 10 to get -- to have experts help us with the different areas.
- 11 Q. But by not being allowed to see it at the hearing, how
- 12 were you prejudiced?
- 13 A. We couldn't refer to it. We couldn't see if it was the
- 14 same thing that we had. We couldn't -- I found out that it is
- 15 not because reading through it, it does not have the exhibits
- 16 that were referred to. So I don't know what we were given at
- 17 Waste Management. I do not know to this day how it compares with
- 18 what was submitted officially as an exhibit.
- 19 Q. And you were not allowed at that hearing on March 17th
- 20 to even look at Exhibit Number 1, correct?
- 21 A. Not even to look at it. And I asked specifically if
- 22 could enumerate what was in it, just to make sure that we knew
- 23 what was being admitted, and the hearing officer denied that.
- Q. You earlier said that part of your claim of fundamental

- 1 unfairness involved being cut off by the hearing officer with
- 2 respect to certain lines of questioning?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Do you recall what some of those lines of questioning
- 5 were?
- 6 A. One of the lines of questioning he stopped was when I
- 7 was attempting to find out if -- to talk about the change in

- 8 ownership of Waste Management. It was -- I wanted to show that
- 9 it was not the same company and he cut that line of questioning
- 10 off.
- 11 Q. Do you recall any other lines of questioning that you
- 12 were not allowed to pursue?
- 13 A. Yes. Any kind of financial information he cut off. Any
- 14 of the host agreement, he would not let us ask any questions. I
- 15 mean, we started to and then he cut it off.
- 16 Q. Did you feel that information would have been relevant
- 17 to the decision of the board of trustees?
- 18 A. Absolutely. I think the board of trustees should have
- 19 had that information. It was -- we put some reasons why. The
- 20 financial assurance was very important. The change in ownership
- 21 is necessary for them to know, because it is in the siting
- 22 criteria from the flood proofing on criteria four that refers to
- 23 new law that was passed in 1998. In 1997. Excuse me. That
- 24 refers to a change in ownership and whether a landfill in a

- 1 floodplain is allowed to expand. That is extremely relevant.
- 2 The financial assurance has to do with whether if they locate in
- 3 the floodplain and expand then that landfill has financial -- has
- 4 to provide closure for 100 years, not 30.
- 5 Q. I believe you told me earlier that you were told
- 6 throughout the hearing that you would have an opportunity to
- 7 present exhibits; is that correct?

- 8 A. Yes. I wanted to say one other thing, an area that he
- 9 stopped me from going into.
- 10 Q. What is that?
- 11 A. Landfills have problems. They leak. And they have
- 12 Super Fund liability. That is another reason that the Village
- 13 should have been allowed to have information about them being
- 14 potentially liable for any kind of problems. And that was unfair
- 15 to us, but it was very unfair to the Board.
- 16 Q. How were you prejudiced by the hearing officer's refusal
- 17 to allow you to put your exhibits into evidence and being told to
- 18 put them in public comment?
- 19 A. Well, first of all, it is like you don't matter, your
- 20 exhibits are not important. His is important, Waste Management's
- 21 is important, but whatever you have is not important. It is
- 22 relegated to some lesser degree. I understand that public
- 23 comment is considered with less import than that. And another
- 24 thing is that the Village would have had a chance throughout the

- 1 whole 30 day comment period to look at what we had submitted and
- 2 to maybe go through and look at some of the things and
- 3 investigate.
- 4 Q. Was one of the things that you tried to offer into
- 5 evidence a Flood Insurance Rate Map from the Federal Emergency
- 6 Management Agency?

- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Ms. Andria, I am handing you what has been marked as
- 9 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 7. What is this?
- 10 A. It is a National Flood Insurance Program, FIRM, Flood
- 11 Insurance Rate Map, County of St. Clair, Illinois, panel ten of
- 12 145, community panel number 1706160010A, effective date, December
- 13 15th, 1981. It is a FEMA map.
- 14 Q. And, Ms. Andria, did you have Petitioner's Exhibit
- 15 Number 7 with you at hearing?
- 16 A. I did.
- 17 Q. Is this the document that you were tendering to Mr.
- 18 Chatham when you described a Flood Insurance Rate Map on the
- 19 record of the hearing?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit
- 22 Number 7 into evidence.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- MR. MORAN: I don't have a copy of Petitioner's Exhibit

- 1 Number 7 here.
- MS. HOMEYER: That's because it is very big.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Would you mind letting Mr. Moran
- 4 take a look, please.
- 5 Mr. Moran, do you need a minute? Should we go off the
- 6 record?

- 7 MR. MORAN: Probably.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: We will go off the record. We
- 9 will take a five minute recess, folks.
- 10 (Whereupon a short recess was taken.)
- 11 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. We are back on the
- 12 record.
- 13 Mr. Moran, have you had a chance to look at Petitioner's
- 14 Exhibit Number 7?
- 15 MR. MORAN: Yes.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Do you have any objection to that
- 17 exhibit being offered?
- 18 MR. MORAN: Yes, I do.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: What is your objection?
- 20 MR. MORAN: The objection is that the document first has
- 21 not been authenticated.
- 22 Secondly, it is the same exhibit that was offered at the
- 23 public hearing, which by virtue of the testimony of at least two
- 24 expert witnesses, was the effect that this map is outdated. It

- is no longer accurately representing the conditions at the
- 2 proposed site.

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- Third, this document, for whatever it was worth, was
- 4 submitted as part of the public comment and is, for whatever
- 5 reason, still part of the underlying record here. So for those

- 6 three reasons I object to the admission of this exhibit.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- 8 MR. BARICEVIC: I support those objections.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer?
- 10 MS. HOMEYER: Mr. Hearing Officer, I have a series of
- 11 exhibits that I am going to show the witness for purposes of
- 12 identifying them as the documents that she had at the March 17th
- 13 hearing which she described on the record as exhibits that she
- 14 was proffering into evidence. And the purpose of my introducing
- 15 them at this hearing is to make a record of what it is that the
- 16 hearing officer kept out. And to refer to public comment is not
- 17 fair because we are building a record here on fundamental
- 18 unfairness.
- 19 The Pollution Control Board should have an opportunity to
- 20 see the exhibit that Ms. Andria offered on March 17th that was
- 21 kept out. It appears no where in the transcript of the March
- 22 17th hearing. It is described on the record but the document
- 23 itself is not there. So if I am not allowed to introduce that as
- 24 an exhibit to support fundamental unfairness, then the Board is

- 1 not going to be able to see what Mr. Chatham denied as being
- 2 admitted into evidence. If they can't see what he denied, how
- 3 can they determine whether there was fundamental unfairness.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 5 MR. MORAN: Well, that is absolutely wrong because this

- 6 record has in it this flawed and inaccurate map. It was
- 7 submitted as public comment. If the Board, as indeed it does,
- 8 needs to consider these exhibits that were offered, they were all
- 9 submitted as public comment. They can be viewed in that light.
- 10 The hearing officer's ruling was based upon the fact that this
- 11 map is outdated. It does not apply anymore.
- 12 So for purposes of arguing a fundamental fairness point,
- 13 the record is sufficient. The map is in this record. It was
- 14 submitted as public comment and considered, presumably, by the
- 15 Village as part of its deliberations. So it is very easy to
- 16 identify this map that was sought to be introduced at the public
- 17 hearing and was denied for a whole list of reasons.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am going to allow the exhibit
- 19 to go in. I am not going to make any judgment on whether or not
- 20 it is relevant to the underlying hearing. But I think in terms
- 21 of fundamental unfairness I would like to have all of the
- 22 exhibits -- are you going to introduce them one by one?
- MS. HOMEYER: Yes.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I think it would be easier for

- 1 the Board to take a look at them instead of going through the
- 2 record. So that is why I am admitting it, more for ease of use
- 3 for the Board purposes. I don't think, just for the record, that
- 4 the respondents are prejudiced in any way because they are, in

- 5 fact, a matter of record. So this will be admitted over
- 6 objection.
- 7 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 8 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 7 and admitted into
- 9 evidence as of this date.)
- 10 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) How and when did you acquire
- 11 Petitioner's Exhibit 7?
- 12 A. I obtained it the day before the hearing, the public
- 13 hearing on March 17th. I obtained it on this floor in the
- 14 building and zoning -- I mean, in the zoning maps and planning
- 15 office of St. Clair County, the official office for that -- for
- 16 this purpose.
- 17 Q. And you requested the current FEMA map?
- 18 A. Yes, I did.
- 19 Q. And that's what you were given?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And how do you claim that you were prejudiced by not
- 22 being allowed to introduce Petitioner's Exhibit Number 7 at the
- 23 March 17th hearing?
- 24 A. Well, the exhibit shows very clearly that the Milam

- 1 Landfill sits in the floodplain. When I asked the Waste
- 2 Management expert who had no documentation to the contrary --
- 3 Q. This is Mr. Connor?
- 4 A. This is Mr. Thomas Connor from Hurst-Roche. When I

- 5 asked him -- I showed him the map. I asked him what the map was,
- 6 to read it. I asked him what does this entail. Is this in the
- 7 area in the floodplain. Where is Waste Management. And he read
- 8 and it was in the floodplain. And then the hearing officer turns
- 9 around and says that he is not going to allow it. It is the
- 10 current FEMA map.
- 11 Q. And you feel that the floodplain is a relevant issue --
- 12 A. Absolutely.
- 13 Q. -- regarding the application?
- 14 A. It is crucial. It is absolutely crucial.
- 15 MS. HOMEYER: I am going to move on to Petitioner's
- 16 Exhibit Number 8, which I do not have a copy of. So I am going
- 17 to show it to both Mr. Moran and Mr. Baricevic now. This, again,
- 18 was something that Ms. Andria had at the hearing.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Let's go off the record while he
- 20 looks.
- 21 (Whereupon a short recess was taken.)
- 22 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. We are back on the
- 23 record.
- This is Petitioner's Exhibit Number 8. Mr. Moran, do you

- 1 have any objection to this exhibit?
- 2 MR. MORAN: Yes. The objection relates to each of the
- 3 areas that I identified for the previous exhibit, which are

- 4 relevance, authenticity, and the fact that, again, we have a
- 5 document that was submitted as public comment that was sought to
- 6 be introduced at the hearing, that for a number of reasons was
- 7 denied admission, principally because of relevance and
- 8 significance in terms of any of the statutory criteria, which is
- 9 now still part of this record which contains, in addition,
- 10 significant hearsay. I mean, this clearly was not an exhibit
- 11 that ever would have been admitted as part of that public hearing
- 12 because no one was there to authenticate it. It was submitted
- 13 anyway. Now we continue with the argument that we got the
- 14 documents in as public comment but somehow it is fundamentally
- 15 unfair that a hearing officer ruled against us. So, yes, I
- 16 object to this document for those same reasons.
- 17 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- 18 MR. BARICEVIC: Concur.
- 19 MS. HOMEYER: May I go ahead and question the witness?
- 20 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Well, I am going to rule on the
- 21 exhibit unless you had something about that exhibit being
- 22 offered.
- 23 MS. HOMEYER: I was going to have her testify that this is,
- 24 again, an exhibit that she had with her at the hearing and was

- 1 described on the record.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am sorry. I didn't mean to cut
- 3 you off. I don't think that is the objection. For the same

- 4 reasons I admitted Petitioner's Exhibit Number 7, I am going to
- 5 admit this as well. Once again, I want it clear that I am not
- 6 admitting it for what the exhibit offers as evidence. I am
- 7 admitting strictly in terms of whether the hearing underlying
- 8 this hearing was conducted in a fundamentally fair manner. So
- 9 that will be admitted.
- 10 MS. HOMEYER: Thank you.
- 11 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 12 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 8 and admitted into
- evidence as of this date.)
- 14 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, I am handing you what has
- 15 been marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 8. What is this document?
- 16 A. It is a form 424B5 for Waste Management, Incorporated,
- 17 filed on February 15th, 2000. It is the prospectus supplement to
- 18 prospectus, dated February 14th, 2000. It is the file that was
- 19 filed by Waste Management with the Security and Exchange
- 20 Commission and --
- 21 Q. Now, did you have this document with you at the March
- 22 17th, 2000 hearing?
- 23 A. Yes, I did.
- 24 Q. And did you attempt to offer this into evidence?

- 1 A. Yes, I did.
- 2 O. And do you recall what the hearing officer did?

- A. He would not let it in.
- 4 Q. All right. Now, why do you claim that you were
- 5 prejudiced by not being allowed to admit that Exhibit 8 into
- 6 evidence?
- 7 A. Well, it is -- I think it is relevant in that it talks
- 8 about the company. It talks about the fact that there are class
- 9 action suits. That there are lawsuits pending. That it is being
- 10 investigated by the Security and Exchange Commission. That there
- 11 are a number of problems that may affect the outcome of the
- 12 financial condition and the results of the operation in the
- 13 future. It goes into the risk factors. I thought this was
- 14 important that the Village look at this.
- 15 They have had -- they are looking into -- the Securities
- 16 and Exchange Commission was looking into the accounting of Waste
- 17 Management, and it says here they are undergoing changes in
- 18 management. There are a lot of things that they really should
- 19 see. It says we face uncertainties relating to pending
- 20 litigation and investigations. That is very important for the
- 21 Village to be able to consider that in doing something as
- 22 important as expanding a landfill.
- 23 MS. HOMEYER: Mr. Knittle, here is Exhibit Number 8. Thank
- 24 you.

- 1 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, did you ever see a legal
- 2 notice for a public hearing to be held on the Waste Management

- 3 vertical expansion --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- to be held on March 13th, 2000?
- 6 A. Yes, I did.
- 7 Q. And did you bring a legal notice of that sort with you
- 8 to the hearing?
- 9 A. Yes, I did.
- 10 Q. And I am handing you what has been marked as
- 11 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 9. What is this?
- 12 A. This is a public notice in the Belleville News-Democrat
- in the legal section, notice of public hearing.
- Q. What was the public hearing date?
- 15 A. That there will be -- that the Village of Fairmont City
- 16 will hold a public hearing on Monday the 13th of March, 2000.
- 17 Q. Now, Ms. Andria, did you have this Petitioner's Exhibit
- 9 with you at the March 17th, 2000 hearing?
- 19 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. And did you offer it into evidence?
- 21 A. Yes, I did.
- 22 O. And what was the hearing officer's ruling?
- A. He said no.
- 24 Q. All right. Why do you claim that you were prejudiced by

- 2 2000 hearing date?
- 3 A. Well, I wanted to let them know that there was confusion
- 4 about it, that some people might have seen just this and gone to
- 5 the public hearing that --
- 6 Q. You mean gone on the 13th?
- 7 A. Gone on the 13th to -- thinking that there was a public
- 8 hearing. It was an inaccurate notice.
- 9 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit
- 10 Number 9 into evidence.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 12 MR. MORAN: No objection.
- MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. That is admitted.
- 15 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 9 and admitted into
- evidence as of this date.)
- 18 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, did you ever attempt to
- 19 purchase a copy of the Waste Management application from the
- 20 Village of Fairmont City?
- 21 A. Yes, I did.
- 22 Q. Was that application on file with the Village?
- 23 A. Yes, it was.
- 24 Q. When was the first time that you recall trying to obtain

- 2 A. Sometime, oh, in the first week or two of December I
- 3 called.
- 4 Q. Of what year?
- 5 A. Of 1999.
- 6 Q. What did you do?
- 7 A. I called the Village Hall and asked if I could get a
- 8 copy of the application.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. And I --
- 11 Q. Do you know who you spoke with?
- 12 A. I spoke with a woman named Karen Manso, who is the
- 13 Village assistant, deputy clerk.
- Q. What did you ask her?
- 15 A. I asked her if I could get a copy of the transcript.
- 16 Q. Of the application?
- 17 A. I mean of the application.
- Q. What did she say?
- 19 A. She said that it was very large and that it would
- 20 probably cost \$500.00 or so and that she would check with the
- 21 chief and see. She said that it would have to be sent out to be
- 22 copied and she would check with the chief and call me back.
- Q. Who is the chief?
- 24 A. The chief is the chief of police, Scott Penny, who I

- 1 heard him introduce himself as the administrator. So I guess
- 2 that's his title, too.
- 3 Q. Did she call you back?
- 4 A. Yes, she did.
- 5 Q. And what did she tell you about the cost of the
- 6 application?
- 7 A. She said that it was -- that it would cost between
- 8 \$600.00 and -- I am not sure, \$10.00, \$20.00 and \$670.00. And
- 9 that I would have to pay the time for a policeman to take it to a
- 10 copy store to be copied and the mileage. I would have to pay for
- 11 his time and the mileage.
- 12 Q. What did you -- first of all, did you express any
- 13 reaction?
- 14 A. I said, well, I could get it copied at Office Max or
- 15 Kinkos for two cents to six cents at Office -- two cents at
- 16 Office Max and six cents at Kinkos at the time.
- 17 Q. Did you ask her to do anything further?
- 18 A. I asked her to put -- give me that information in
- 19 writing.
- Q. Did she do so?
- 21 A. Yes, she did.
- Q. Do you have that letter today?
- 23 A. You have it there.
- Q. Did you have a letter with you at the hearing on March

- 1 17th, 2000, from Karen Manso, dated December 15th, 1999?
- 2 A. Yes, I did.
- 3 Q. Ms. Andria, I am handing you what has been marked today
- 4 as Petitioner's Exhibit 10. What is this exhibit?
- 5 A. This is the letter from the Fairmont City -- the Village
- 6 of Fairmont City, addressed to me, dated December 15th, 1999.
- 7 Q. Who signed it?
- 8 A. Signed by Karen Manso.
- 9 Q. That is dated December 15th, 1999?
- 10 A. Yes, December 15th, 1999.
- 11 Q. What is attached to the letter?
- 12 A. It is the envelope in which it was sent.
- 13 Q. All right. What did she say in the letter to you about
- 14 the copying charges?
- 15 A. She said that anyone wishing to attain a copy of the
- 16 contract would have to pay for the copies, mileage and travel
- 17 time. There are two binder bound volumes involved with the
- 18 contract. There are approximately 1,200 to 1,500 single pages,
- 19 many of which are double spaced. The copy companies charge from
- 20 20 to 22 cents per copy on double-sided copies. This would
- 21 estimate the cost of the copies alone anywhere from \$600.00 to
- 22 \$660.00. The Village would charge approximately \$12.00 for the
- 23 time and \$2.00 for the mileage. This would estimate the total
- 24 cost to be somewhere between \$612.00 to \$672.00, if there are no

- 1 more than 1,500 sheets.
- 2 Q. Based on that letter, what did you decide to do?
- 3 A. I didn't pursue getting a copy. We couldn't afford it.
- 4 We didn't have that money.
- 5 Q. Did you see Karen Manso on the March 17th, 2000 hearing?
- 6 A. Yes, I did.
- 7 Q. Had you ever seen her before?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Did she identify herself at the hearing?
- 10 A. Yes, she did.
- 11 Q. Did she make any statements at the hearing about the
- 12 charge that was made to an attorney?
- 13 MR. BARICEVIC: Objection, Your Honor -- Mr. Hearing
- 14 officer. Hearsay.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer?
- 16 MS. HOMEYER: She is an employee of the Village. They are
- 17 a party and this is an admission against interest.
- 18 MR. BARICEVIC: The employee is not a party. The employee
- 19 is not an elected official. She is an employee. There is no
- 20 testimony that she was directed, it is official policy of the
- 21 Board, any of that.
- 22 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Anything further, Ms. Homeyer?
- MS. HOMEYER: Pardon?
- 24 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Anything further, Ms. Homeyer?

- 1 MS. HOMEYER: You mean in arguing about whether this should
- 2 be admissable?
- 3 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Correct.
- 4 MS. HOMEYER: No.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. Could you read back
- 6 the question.
- 7 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read
- 8 back by the Reporter.)
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Sustained. The objection is
- 10 sustained.
- 11 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Did Karen Manso make any statements at
- 12 the hearing that any other person had obtained a copy of the
- 13 application?
- 14 MR. BARICEVIC: Objection. The same.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer?
- MS. HOMEYER: It is an admission.
- 17 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Explain to me how it is an
- 18 admission.
- 19 MS. HOMEYER: Oh. Because -- and I will put on an offer of
- 20 proof if this is sustained. The offer of proof will be that
- 21 Karen Manso stated at the hearing on March 17th that an attorney
- 22 had obtained a copy of the application for \$120.00, which is
- 23 substantially less than what they told -- what the Village told
- 24 Ms. Andria what it would cost.

- 1 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: And you are saying as an employee
- 2 of the county this is an admission against the --
- 3 MS. HOMEYER: It most definitely is.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Who is she employed by?
- 5 MS. HOMEYER: The Village of Fairmont of City.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Oh, she is employed by the
- 7 Village, not the county, correct?
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: The Village of Fairmont City and she is the
- 9 deputy clerk.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. I am going to overrule
- 11 that objection, and if I -- I think I misunderstood initially. I
- 12 would have allowed the first question, as well. I thought she
- 13 was an employee of the county --
- MS. HOMEYER: Oh, I am sorry.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: -- and they are not a party to
- 16 this case. That is probably my error. My apologies.
- 17 MS. HOMEYER: I will rephrase the question.
- 18 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) At the hearing, did Ms. Manso make any
- 19 statement about the fact that an attorney had obtained a copy of
- 20 the application?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And what did she say about the charge to that attorney?
- 23 A. She said that it was less than she thought it was going
- 24 to be. She said that he got it for \$120.00.

- 1 Q. Now, Ms. Andria, referring back to Petitioner's Exhibit
- 2 Number 10, did you offer the December 15th, 1999 letter signed by
- 3 Karen Manso, did you attempt to offer this into evidence at the
- 4 March 17th, 2000 hearing?
- 5 A. Yes, I did.
- 6 Q. What was the hearing officer's ruling?
- 7 A. He denied it.
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit
- 9 Number 10 into evidence.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 11 MR. MORAN: No objection.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: This is admitted.
- Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 16 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 10 and admitted into
- 17 evidence as of this date.)
- 18 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Why did you want to get that letter
- 19 from Ms. Manso, dated December 15th, 1999, into the record of the
- 20 March 17th, 2000 proceeding?
- 21 A. Well, it also shows -- it shows that we were not being
- 22 treated fairly. It also shows why we didn't have all of the
- 23 information that we should have and it shows that -- I mean, it
- 24 was -- I think it was important for the Village to know and I

- 1 don't -- I didn't know if all of them knew that that was the
- 2 case, that we had been charged so much. I mean, it is unfair to
- 3 citizens.
- 4 Q. Do you know what the statute says about making copies
- 5 available to the public?
- 6 A. Well, it is supposed to be offered to the public at the
- 7 cost of reproduction. And the cost of reproduction -- I mean, if
- 8 you can get it for two cents a copy, why should you go to a store
- 9 that is getting it for 25 cents a copy, and they had a copy
- 10 machine.
- 11 Q. At the hearing on March 17th, 2000, you found out that
- 12 someone had obtained it for \$120.00, correct?
- 13 A. For \$120.00.
- 14 Q. Do you know whether an attorney did, in fact, ever
- inspect the application at the Village?
- 16 A. Yes, yes, he did.
- 17 Q. Who do you believe inspected that application?
- 18 MR. MORAN: Objection. What possible relevance could some
- 19 other attorney reviewing the application at the Village have to
- 20 do with the fundamental fairness claims in this case?
- 21 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer?
- 22 MS. HOMEYER: Just to substantiate the fact that there was
- 23 an attorney who saw it. It substantiates what Karen Manso said.
- 24 MR. BARICEVIC: Then the objection is foundation.

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- 1 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am going to sustain this
- 2 objection.
- 3 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) I am handing you what has been marked
- 4 as Petitioner's Exhibit Number 11. What is this?
- 5 A. This is a log sheet from the Village of Fairmont City.
- 6 It is -- it says viewers of the preliminary contract for
- 7 expansion between Milam Landfill Waste Management and the Village
- 8 of Fairmont City, volumes two and one, available November 19th,
- 9 1999.
- 10 Q. Now, did we obtain a copy -- did we obtain Petitioner's
- 11 Exhibit Number 11 from the Village of Fairmont City?
- 12 A. Yes, we did.
- 13 Q. Is this part of the record on appeal?
- 14 A. Yes, it is.
- 15 Q. What is the C number?
- 16 A. It is from book 37, C13,732.
- Q. And what does the log sheet reveal?
- 18 A. That only one person viewed the application/contract,
- 19 Brian Konzen.
- Q. Is he an attorney?
- 21 A. Yes, he is.
- Q. Do you know him personally?
- 23 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. Where is his law office?

- 1 A. Granite City.
- 2 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit
- 3 Number 11 into evidence.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 5 MR. MORAN: No objection.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- 7 MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. No objection. This
- 9 is admitted.
- 10 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 11 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 11 and admitted into
- 12 evidence as of this date.)
- Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Are you claiming that there was
- 14 unfairness in the way that you were treated when you attempted to
- 15 obtain a copy of the application?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. What steps did you take to either -- did you ever take
- 18 any steps to actually order a copy of the application?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. To order it?
- 21 A. Yes, to order it when I called her first.
- 22 Q. No, I am sorry. After the telephone conversation and
- 23 after the letter where you found out it was going to cost over
- 24 \$600.00 to get a copy of the application, did you ever ask the

- 1 Village to copy it for you?
- 2 A. No, I did not. To copy it and pay that much money, no.
- 3 Absolutely not.
- 4 Q. Did you have the ability to pay it?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Now, did you ever have any conversations with the
- 7 Village concerning attempts to see the application?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Would you tell us when you spoke with someone from the
- 10 Village and what results occurred?
- 11 A. I do not know of dates. I went once, I think twice, to
- 12 take a look at it when I had time to look at the application.
- 13 And another time when I was there for another thing the chief of
- 14 police was there and he said something about it being there, but
- 15 it was not at a time when I was able to stay. But I went several
- 16 times to look at it.
- 17 Q. Now, the one time that you say Officer Penny offered to
- 18 let you see it, you were not there for that purpose, were you?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. And what did you tell Officer Penny on that occasion?
- 21 A. He asked -- I forget what I specifically said, but I was
- 22 not there for that purpose.
- Q. What did he say to you?
- 24 A. I don't remember specifically. He said something that

- 1 it was in a little room or if I wanted to see it.
- Q. And what did you do that day?
- 3 A. I didn't stay. I had someone with me. We were on an
- 4 errand. It was another -- we were very, very busy.
- 5 Q. That was not your purpose in going that day?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Did you ever have any conversations with anyone from the
- 8 Village where you called the Village for the purpose of trying to
- 9 set up a time to go see the application?
- 10 A. I called the Village asking if Karen Manso was there,
- 11 since she was the person who was the conduit to the clerk. She
- 12 was the person who was supposed to be there. And I would see if
- 13 she was there, and then I would go to -- and that happened once
- 14 or twice. I do not know precisely.
- 15 Q. And what happened when you called?
- 16 A. When I called they said she was there. I went over and
- 17 then she wasn't there.
- 18 Q. How soon between the phone call and your arriving at
- 19 Village Hall was that?
- 20 A. Not very long.
- Q. Can you be more specific?
- 22 A. No, I can't. I am sorry.
- 23 Q. And did you ever make any other attempts to see the
- 24 application at Village Hall?

- 1 A. I don't believe so.
- 2 Q. Okay. This was a long document, was it not, according
- 3 to Ms. Manso's letter?
- 4 A. Well, she said it was between 1,200 and 1,500 pages, so
- 5 if I -- if I were going to view it, it would take some time.
- 6 Q. How were you prejudiced in not being able to get a copy
- 7 of the application as opposed to be being able to see it at
- 8 Village Hall?
- 9 A. We were incredibly prejudiced. We did not have -- we
- 10 could have had from December, January, February, would have had
- 11 three months to contact experts to have them look at -- people
- 12 who we could have talked to, engineers who work with groups. We
- 13 could have looked and dissected, gone to see what had been done
- 14 before. We could have analyzed and formulated questions, gone
- 15 prepared if such an eventuality as them just resting on the
- 16 application, we would have been able to maybe have a decent
- 17 public hearing if we had had the application. We were not able
- 18 to do that. We were -- I mean, we were extremely disadvantaged.
- 19 Q. And what, again, happened with your attempts to see the
- 20 application at Village Hall?
- 21 A. We didn't get to see it. I mean, we went -- I mean, it
- 22 was as if -- and it is really, if you look at the log, only one
- 23 person, and that was an attorney, ever got to see the document.

Q. Well, let's talk about you.

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- 1 A. I am sorry.
- Q. All right. What happened when you tried to call Village
- 3 Hall to talk to Karen Manso for purposes of seeing the
- 4 application?

- 5 A. Karen Manso became increasingly not available.
- 6 Q. In what way?
- 7 A. In that if I would call she would not be there.
- 8 Q. Ever?
- 9 A. Ever. And if someone else would call to find out if she
- 10 was there and then we would go over -- now, this is -- part of
- 11 this is with the application and part of it is with the
- 12 transcript.
- 13 Q. I am referring to the application.
- 14 A. I know. But in my mind it is like sort of a long
- 15 continuum of unfairness.
- 16 Q. Have you ever gone to Village Hall and found Karen Manso
- 17 available?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 O. Okay.
- 20 A. Nor the clerk.
- 21 Q. How soon before the hearing, now, did you receive
- 22 documents from Waste Management that were represented to be the
- 23 application?

- 1 Q. How soon before the hearing of March 17th did you get
- 2 documents from Waste Management that were represented to be the
- 3 application?

- 4 A. On the March 3rd, so it was like two weeks.
- 5 Q. And were you prejudiced by getting to look at the
- 6 application just two weeks before the hearing?
- 7 A. Extremely. It was -- it was a big document. We were
- 8 not able to really get involved. We had other things that we
- 9 were working on. We could not really assess the application in
- 10 that short of time. And it was -- given the fact that we didn't
- 11 know when the hearing was going to be, it was very confusing.
- 12 Q. Ms. Andria, at the hearing on March 17th did you attempt
- 13 to introduce any documents to show that the Waste Management that
- 14 exists today is actually a different company that used to be
- 15 called U.S.A. Waste?
- 16 A. Yes, I did.
- 17 Q. I am handing you what has been marked as Petitioner's
- 18 Exhibit Number 12. Could you tell me what this is?
- 19 A. This is a document called Form S-8 for Waste Management
- 20 filed on July 16th, 1998 with the Securities and Exchange
- 21 Commission. It is a registration statement under the Securities
- 22 Act of 1933.

- 23 Q. Did you have this document, Petitioner's Exhibit Number
- 24 12, with you at the March 17th, 2000 hearing?

- 1 A. Yes, I did.
- 2 Q. And did you offer this into evidence?
- 3 A. Yes, I did.
- 4 Q. And what was the result?
- 5 A. It was denied.
- 6 Q. By the hearing officer?
- 7 A. By the hearing officer.
- 8 Q. What does it say at the beginning on the title page of
- 9 Petitioner's Exhibit 12?
- 10 A. It says Waste Management, Inc., formerly known as U.S.A.
- 11 Waste Services, Inc.
- 12 Q. And I am handing you what has been marked as
- 13 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 13. What is this exhibit?
- 14 A. This is Form 8-K for Waste Management, Inc., filed on
- July 16th, 1998, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and
- 16 this is registration. It is Form 8-K and it has got Waste
- 17 Management, the exact name. And then former name or address if
- 18 changed since last report, and it has got there U.S.A. Waste
- 19 Services, Inc., and the employer number has changed from Waste
- 20 Management, the old Waste Management's number to U.S.A. Waste's
- 21 number.
- 22 Q. Now, Ms. Andria, did you also have Petitioner's Exhibit

- Number 13 with you at the March 17th, 2000 hearing?
- 24 A. Yes, I did.

- 1 Q. And did you offer this into evidence on the record?
- 2 A. Yes, I did.
- 3 Q. What did the hearing officer do?
- 4 A. He denied them.
- 5 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit
- 6 Numbers 12 and 13 into evidence.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: On Petitioner's 12, Mr. Moran?
- 8 MR. MORAN: Yes, I object.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: This is the same objection as in
- 10 Petitioner's 7 and 8, the flood insurance map and the prospectus?
- 11 MR. MORAN: Yes. And in addition, the fact that these
- 12 documents do not even relate to the applicant who submitted this
- 13 proposed expansion application. So there is no conceivable link
- 14 between any fundamental fairness claim and these documents.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: How do they not relate to the
- 16 applicant? I thought that --
- 17 MR. MORAN: The applicant in this case is Waste Management
- 18 of Illinois, Inc. The documents that are set forth here refer to
- 19 a merger between two corporate entities that occurred back in
- 20 July of 1998.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Is one of those entities Waste

- 22 Management of Illinois, Inc.?
- 23 MR. MORAN: One of the entities is not referred to as Waste
- 24 Management of Illinois, Inc. The merger that occurred was

- 1 between the entities identified within these documents. Waste
- 2 Management of Illinois, Inc., was a second tier subsidiary of one
- 3 of the holding companies that was, at one point, owned by these
- 4 entities. But for purposes of what these documents were offered,
- 5 it was for the purpose of establishing that the applicant was
- 6 somehow different than the applicant that existed two years ago,
- 7 at least as best as I understand this argument, for purposes of
- 8 determining what regulations might apply with respect to
- 9 floodplain and financial assurance.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- 11 MR. BARICEVIC: I concur with the stated objections.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer?
- 13 MS. HOMEYER: Yes. First of all, it is not who the
- 14 applicant is. It is whether there has been a change in ownership
- 15 of a landfill. And these exhibits were tendered to the hearing
- 16 officer on the record at the March 17th, 2000 hearing. And I am
- 17 offering them today for purposes of making a record of what
- 18 exhibits were refused by the hearing officer.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am going to allow these. Once
- 20 again, Mr. Moran, I am not admitting these -- I know this is a
- 21 strange analogy -- but for the truth of the matter that the

- 22 exhibits assert, more for the fact that it makes a more coherent
- 23 record if we have these grouped together. Are these public
- 24 comments, as well?

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2 MR. MORAN: Yes, Mr. Hearing Officer.

THE WITNESS: I think so.

- 3 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: So if these are all public
- 4 comments, I don't see how Waste Management can be prejudiced at
- 5 all by the admission of these. So these are admitted.
- 6 (Whereupon said documents were duly marked for purposes of
- 7 identification as Petitioner's Exhibits 12 and 13 and
- 8 admitted into evidence as of this date.)
- 9 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, going back for a moment to
- 10 your prior testimony that you asked on the record to see Waste
- 11 Management Exhibit 1, the application, and the hearing officer
- 12 said no; is that correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. At the time that you requested to see the exhibit, did
- 15 the hearing officer have any knowledge of what documents you had
- in your possession at that hearing?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. How do you feel that the hearing officer became an
- 19 advocate for the applicant or against you?
- 20 A. Well, he -- throughout the hearing he sort of took

- 21 over -- at first Mr. Moran would object, and then it was like the
- 22 hearing officer was objecting.
- 23 Q. Were there exhibits that were kept out to which no
- 24 objection was made by Mr. Moran?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay.
- 3 A. And the hearing officer would just make his own
- 4 objection and at one point he said, well, I am not going to let
- 5 that in. I said, well, could I make -- tell you why it is
- 6 related. And he said you want to hear what I think. And I
- 7 thought you had a chance to say why you were introducing
- 8 something.
- 9 Q. And that's what you expected to happen, right?
- 10 A. Well, that's the way I understand that it is supposed to
- 11 work.
- 12 Q. Did you have any other -- did you eventually get
- 13 discouraged about introducing exhibits, Ms. Andria?
- 14 A. Well, I kept -- everything he said no to except the
- 15 Cahokia Mounds brochure.
- 16 Q. Were you looking for other documents?
- 17 A. Yes, I was.
- 18 Q. Did you have a photograph that you wanted to offer into
- 19 evidence?
- 20 A. Yes.

- 21 (Whereupon a document was duly marked for purposes of
- 22 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 28 as of this date.)
- 23 Q. Ms. Andria, I am handing you what has been marked as
- 24 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 28. It is an aerial map?

- 1 A. A photograph.
- 2 Q. Excuse me. It is an aerial photograph.
- 3 (Ms. Homeyer showing the document to Counsel.)
- 4 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, I am handing you
- 5 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 28. What is this?
- 6 A. This is an aerial photograph taken of the area that we
- 7 are talking about. It shows the highways there. It shows the
- 8 landfill, Milam Landfill up in this area. And it shows where it
- 9 is located across from the Gateway Race Track and on the Cahokia
- 10 Canal, and it also shows it proximity to Horseshoe Lake State
- 11 Park.
- 12 Q. Did you have this aerial map, this aerial photograph
- 13 with you at the March 7th, 2000 hearing?
- 14 A. Yes, I did.
- 15 Q. And was this one of the exhibits that you wanted to
- 16 introduce into evidence but got discouraged and did not?
- 17 A. Yes, it is.
- MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit
- 19 Number 28 into evidence.

- 20 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Number 28?
- MS. HOMEYER: Yes.
- 22 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 23 MR. MORAN: Yes, I object to this exhibit. We have no
- 24 foundation as to who took this photograph, when it was taken,

- 1 what it purports to show, how it relates to any fundamental
- 2 unfairness, other than this conclusory statement by Ms. Andria
- 3 that she was discouraged from even offering it.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- 5 MR. BARICEVIC: If she didn't admit it at the hearing then,
- 6 obviously, nobody could react to it. By her own testimony, she
- 7 did not try to admit it. She didn't make a record. She is bound
- 8 by her own case and her own record, and I object.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer, anything further?
- 10 MS. HOMEYER: No.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am going to sustain the
- 12 objection to this exhibit. I have been allowing these in that
- 13 she has offered and was denied at the underlying hearing. I
- 14 think it is a bit of a leap for me to allow this, because she was
- 15 discouraged and would have offered it otherwise. I am just
- 16 afraid that under those circumstances just about anything could
- 17 be offered.
- 18 MS. HOMEYER: Well, it is her testimony.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Sure. Her testimony is a matter

- 20 of the record.
- 21 MS. HOMEYER: Correct.
- 22 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: And this is going to go with me
- 23 to the Board. Once again, if you disagree with my ruling please
- 24 feel free to address it to the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

- 1 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, in addition to Exhibit 28,
- 2 the aerial photograph, did you have other documents that you were
- 3 prepared to offer into evidence but did not in light of the
- 4 hearing officer's attitude toward you?
- 5 A. Yes, I did.
- 6 Q. What other documents did you have?
- 7 A. I had a number of hazardous waste documents citing
- 8 different kinds of problems with landfills in the area about
- 9 liners leaking, about groundwater contamination. I had profiles
- 10 on both U.S.A. Waste and Waste Management that I got from the
- 11 environmental background. I am losing the title of it. But it
- 12 was -- it is a web site for citizens that provides information on
- 13 companies. And that's all I can think of right now.
- 14 Q. All right. Do you believe that the hearing officer
- 15 allowed the parties who were present that day, including yourself
- 16 and the organizations that you represented, to make a full and
- 17 fair record for the Village trustees?
- 18 A. Absolutely not.

- 19 Q. Do you feel that there was any prejudice to you in terms
- of a chilling affect that might be had on others?
- 21 A. Well, I mean, there was an article in the following --
- 22 first of all, the people who were there, the residents, I mean, I
- 23 would imagine most of them had never been to a siting hearing
- 24 before. They should have been allowed to feel free to go and ask

- 1 questions and to do the same thing. There were two people who
- 2 had registered to speak but they didn't. They ended up not
- 3 speaking. I do not know the reasons, but when they see people
- 4 like Mr. Norman and myself, who have been through siting
- 5 hearings, when they see us get treated the way we were treated in
- 6 a very unfair manner, they would be afraid to come forward and
- 7 ask questions.
- 8 And then there was a further chilling affect because the
- 9 next day in the paper, the Belleville News-Democrat wrote an
- 10 article -- published an article about the hearing and the conduct
- 11 of the hearing and how it was unfair and how it was -- the
- 12 citizens were not allowed to enter any exhibits. I mean, that
- 13 then goes to all of the readers.
- 14 MR. MORAN: Mr. Hearing Officer, I make a motion to strike
- 15 Ms. Andria's testimony for a number of reasons. First, she is
- 16 referring to articles that appeared in a newspaper publication,
- 17 apparently, clearly hearsay. She is trying to characterize what
- 18 was said in that article. She is trying to assume and conclude

- 19 what was in the minds of other people attending this hearing. It
- 20 is all inappropriate. It lacks any foundation, whatsoever. And
- 21 it simply is not a sufficient basis to admit any testimony
- 22 relating to fundamental fairness. I move to strike it.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer, do you have a
- 24 response to Mr. Moran's motion and objection?

- 1 MS. HOMEYER: I have the article available and I will be
- 2 happy to mark it as an exhibit and have her qualify it. I think
- 3 the point is that the reporter picked up on the same hostility
- 4 and unfairness that Ms. Andria is testifying about. When people
- 5 read this article, it confirmed the fact that the public was not
- 6 treated well at that hearing.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran, would that cure your
- 8 objection and motion.
- 9 MR. MORAN: I think it just exacerbates the reasons for the
- 10 objection. That is, what is attempted here is statements made by
- 11 some person outside this hearing to establish the truth of what
- 12 this petitioner is trying to establish, and that is that these
- 13 hearings were fundamentally unfair. If, indeed, this individual
- 14 has any information that would support that contention, he ought
- 15 to be here testifying. She can't testify through a newspaper
- 16 article or through Ms. Andria trying to recharacterize it or
- 17 rephrase it.

- 18 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I have to sustain that objection.
- 19 Do you have further argument, Ms. Homeyer?
- MS. HOMEYER: No.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Are you offering that into
- 22 evidence?
- 23 MS. HOMEYER: I will have her identify it
- 24 (Whereupon a document was duly marked for purposes of

- identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 30 as of this date.)
- 2 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) I am handing you what has been marked
- 3 as Petitioner's Exhibit 30. Is this a photocopy of the paper
- 4 that I am holding in my hand?
- 5 A. Yes, it is.
- 6 Q. And what newspaper is this from?
- 7 A. The Belleville News-Democrat.
- 8 Q. And the date?
- 9 A. It is Saturday, March 18th, 2000.
- 10 Q. So that's the day after the hearing?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And is this the article that you were referring to in
- 13 your testimony just now?
- 14 A. Yes.
- MS. HOMEYER: I will offer it into evidence.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. Mr. Moran?
- 17 MR. MORAN: I am objecting to it.

- 18 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. This will be denied. Mr.
- 19 Baricevic, do you want to get on the record, as well?
- 20 MR. BARICEVIC: I object, as well.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. And just a
- 22 housekeeping, I am granting your motion to strike any testimony
- 23 characterizing the writing of the paper.
- 24 MR. MORAN: And the motion as it related to her assumption

- 1 as to what was in the minds of these other participants at the
- 2 hearing as to why they didn't come forward to offer testimony or
- 3 to comment in any way on the application?
- 4 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Are you moving to strike that
- 5 testimony, as well?
- 6 MR. MORAN: Yes.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer?
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: My client, Ms. Andria, specifically said she
- 9 doesn't know why they didn't testify, but I think her testimony
- 10 of what she observed, there were people who signed up and then no
- 11 one who testified, should not be stricken from the record.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. I will allow that specific
- 13 testimony in, what she saw in terms of signing up and people who
- 14 didn't testify, but any supposition on her behalf as to why those
- 15 people decided not to testify will also be stricken.
- 16 MS. HOMEYER: Okay.

- 17 MR. MORAN: Mr. Hearing officer, just so that we are clear,
- 18 is this newspaper article being offered as part of -- admitted as
- 19 part of an offer of proof on this whole issue on --
- 20 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I -- go ahead. I am sorry.
- 21 MR. MORAN: As part of the whole issue of the fundamental
- 22 fairness, because, as I pointed out, I don't think there is any
- 23 connection here that is supported or supports a claim of
- 24 fundamental unfairness with this newspaper reporter unless he is

- 1 here to testify.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Right. I denied this exhibit. I
- 3 don't think you made it as an offer of proof, did you, Ms.
- 4 Homeyer?
- 5 MS. HOMEYER: I believe before I even showed her the
- 6 article she had characterized it, but I would offer her testimony
- 7 that has been stricken as an offer of proof on what that article
- 8 contained.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran, do you have any
- 10 response to that?
- 11 MR. MORAN: Well, if it is an offer of proof, that is fine,
- 12 because then it is not going to be able to be argued in terms of
- 13 any brief. I just want to make sure that when you said you
- 14 admitted this -- or you were denying my objection, that --
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I didn't deny any of your
- 16 objections, I don't think.

- 17 MR. MORAN: I thought you said denied in terms of the
- 18 objection on this specific exhibit. That is why I wanted a
- 19 clarification.
- 20 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: No, what I denied -- the only
- 21 thing I denied was your request that testimony of this witness,
- 22 Ms. Andria, regarding the fact that she saw people sign up at the
- 23 underlying hearing and then choose not to testify be stricken. I
- 24 don't think that should be stricken. I think she can properly

- 1 testify that she saw people sign up and then not testify.
- I am granting your motion to strike on everything else,
- 3 including her supposition as to why those people chose not to
- 4 testify. The only thing that I am allowing in from that line of
- 5 testimony is the fact that she saw people who had signed up not
- 6 testify. I think that's probably within her realm.
- 7 This exhibit, Petitioner's Exhibit 30, will be denied. It
- 8 is not going to be admitted into evidence. I granted your motion
- 9 to strike on everything other than that statement relating to the
- 10 motion and the objection.
- 11 MS. HOMEYER: I understand. Mr. Hearing Officer, may I ask
- 12 the witness a question to make an offer of proof about what
- 13 Petitioner's Exhibit 30 said?
- 14 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Yes.
- 15 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, I am handing you

- 16 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 30, which you previously identified
- 17 as the article in the Belleville News-Democrat that appeared the
- 18 day after the hearing; is that correct?
- 19 A. I am sorry. Am I supposed to be reading?
- 20 Q. No.
- 21 A. I didn't understand. I am sorry.
- 22 MS. HOMEYER: Could you read the question back for her,
- 23 please.
- 24 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read

- 1 back by the Reporter.)
- 2 THE WITNESS: This is correct.
- 3 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) And, Ms. Andria, what in that article
- 4 indicates that the hearing was conducted in a manner that was
- 5 unfair to you or other members of the public? You can just
- 6 summarize what you remember seeing in the article.
- 7 MR. BARICEVIC: I object to a summary. If she is making an
- 8 offer of proof, the exhibit should stand for itself and --
- 9 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) All right. Well, go ahead and read
- 10 from the --
- 11 MR. BARICEVIC: Anybody can read it.
- 12 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) All right. Go ahead and read from the
- 13 article, then, the parts that you feel --
- 14 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Are you objecting to that, as
- 15 well, Mr. Baricevic?

- 16 MR. BARICEVIC: Well, I don't -- if she is going to read it
- 17 then my only objection there would be it stands for itself. We
- 18 are wasting our time. If you want it read into the record, as
- 19 long as it is read verbatim.
- 20 MS. HOMEYER: Well, it is my offer of proof. I don't think
- 21 you can object to an offer of proof.
- 22 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Well, they can object to the form
- 23 of the offer of proof. There is a variety of forms, as you know,
- 24 and I --

- 1 MS. HOMEYER: And I am agreeing with his objection.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: How about this. I don't think I
- 3 want her testifying as to what she thinks the article did to the
- 4 general public, in terms of that. But, Ms. Homeyer, you can tell
- 5 me what you think she would testify to as your offer of proof.
- 6 Do you understand?
- 7 MS. HOMEYER: You want me to do it?
- 8 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I want you to tell me what you
- 9 think her testimony would show. I don't want to get into her
- 10 whole --
- 11 MS. HOMEYER: I believe her testimony would show that this
- 12 article states that she was not allowed to get any exhibits into
- 13 evidence. Specifically, there was some discussion about the fact
- 14 that the floodplain map was not allowed into evidence. And there

- 15 is also statements in this article that she was told to put her
- 16 exhibits into public comment.
- 17 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Right. She has testified to all
- 18 of that. So the offer of proof is to what, exactly, I guess?
- 19 MS. HOMEYER: That is what the article states.
- 20 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. Is there an objection to
- 21 that, Mr. Baricevic?
- MR. BARICEVIC: The form of the offer of proof, no.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. Ms. Homeyer, is that
- 24 sufficient?

- 1 MS. HOMEYER: Yes, thank you.
- 2 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, how many notices for the
- 3 date of the public hearing on the Milam expansion of Waste
- 4 Management's application did you see in the newspaper?
- 5 A. Three.
- 6 Q. What newspaper did you see these three notices in?
- 7 A. The Belleville News-Democrat.
- 8 Q. And how often do you check the legal notices section of
- 9 the Belleville News-Democrat?
- 10 A. I try to do it daily. Sometimes I get behind.
- 11 Q. At the hearing on March 17th, you testified that you
- 12 tried to introduce one of these three notices, correct?
- 13 A. I am sorry? Say it again.
- 14 Q. Earlier today you testified that at the hearing on March

- 15 17th, 2000, you were not allowed to introduce one of those three
- 16 notices; is that correct?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. That was Petitioner's Exhibit Number 9 today, I believe?
- 19 A. Whatever.
- 20 Q. All right. What is the first notice of a public hearing
- 21 date that you did see for the hearing that eventually took place
- 22 on Friday, March 17th, 2000?
- 23 A. The first notice was for Monday, March 13th.
- Q. I am handing you Petitioner's Exhibit Number 14. Can

- 1 you tell me what this is?
- 2 A. This is the Belleville News-Democrat, classified ads,
- 3 page 1E, for Wednesday, February 23rd, 2000.
- 4 Q. And is there a legal notice there for the Milam
- 5 expansion pertaining to Waste Management's application?
- 6 A. Yes, there is. It is the first one in the column on the
- 7 first column.
- 8 Q. And according to Exhibit Number 14, what was the hearing
- 9 date going to be?
- 10 A. Monday, March the -- the 13th day of March, 2000.
- 11 Q. Okay. Did you see any other notices besides the one
- 12 that I just showed you?
- 13 A. Yes.

- 14 Q. I am handing you what has been marked as Petitioner's
- 15 Exhibit Number 15. What is this?
- 16 A. This is the Belleville News-Democrat, Section C,
- 17 Tuesday, February 29th, 2000.
- 18 Q. And did you see another notice of a hearing date for
- 19 Waste Management's application?
- 20 A. Yes, I did.
- 21 Q. And what date is in this exhibit, Petitioner's Exhibit
- 22 Number 15?
- 23 A. This is on page 7C and it is, again, the first column,
- 24 the first notice. It is for Monday, the 17th of March of 2000.

- 1 Q. Now, did you check your calendar?
- 2 A. Yes, I did.
- 3 Q. Is there such a date as Monday, March 17th, 2000?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Did you see a third notice about the hearing date on the
- 6 Waste Management application?
- 7 A. Yes, I did.
- 8 Q. I am handing you what has been marked as Petitioner's
- 9 Exhibit Number 16. What is this?
- 10 A. This is the Belleville News-Democrat, classified
- 11 section, section E, Wednesday, March 1st, 2000.
- 12 Q. And what is the hearing date shown in Petitioner's
- 13 Exhibit Number 16?

- 14 A. This is the second -- in the first column, the second
- 15 item. The public hearing will be on Friday, the 17th of March,
- 16 2000.
- 17 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer into evidence
- 18 Petitioner's Exhibit Numbers 14, 15 and 16.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Any objection, Mr. Moran?
- MR. MORAN: None.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- 22 MR. BARICEVIC: No objection to 15 and 16. Previous
- 23 Exhibit Number 9 and 14 are the same, and so only because of
- 24 redundancy.

- 1 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: It looks like Number 9 was a copy
- of this, Ms. Homeyer; is that correct?
- 3 MS. HOMEYER: Petitioner's Exhibit Number 9 is the actual
- 4 document that Ms. Andria had with her at the hearing and that she
- 5 showed to the hearing officer.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. Yes, I think I am going to
- 7 allow them both in, Mr. Baricevic, in light of that fact. Do you
- 8 still have an objection to that?
- 9 MR. BARICEVIC: No.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. Then all three,
- 11 Petitioner's Exhibits 14, 15 and 16 will be admitted.
- 12 (Whereupon said documents were duly marked for purposes of

- identification as Petitioner's Exhibits 14, 15 and 16 and
- 14 admitted into evidence as of this date.)
- 15 MS. HOMEYER: I had previously said that I thought I had
- 16 about an hour's more testimony. It has been an hour and I still
- 17 have some additional testimony. I wanted to ask you what you
- 18 wanted to do.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. Let's go off the
- 20 record.
- 21 (Discussion off the record.)
- 22 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: We will take a five minute
- 23 recess.
- 24 (Whereupon a short recess was taken.)

- 1 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. We are back on the
- 2 record.
- 3 We are continuing with the direct examination of Ms.
- 4 Andria.
- 5 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, after you saw the three
- 6 notices, what was your reaction?
- 7 A. I was very confused.
- 8 Q. In what way?
- 9 A. Well, I mean, one was on the 13th. One was the 17th and
- 10 one was for a day that didn't exist.
- 11 Q. Did you take any steps to --
- 12 A. And all within a week of each other, the notices.

- Q. Did you take any steps to clarify what the date was?
- 14 A. I called the city, the Village of Fairmont City.
- 15 Q. Who did you talk with?
- 16 A. I called and someone --
- 17 Q. Whoever answered the phone?
- 18 A. I do not know who it was.
- 19 Q. What did you ask?
- 20 A. I asked when the hearing was, and whoever it was didn't
- 21 know. And they said, you know, to call back another time.
- 22 Q. All right. Did you take any further steps to clarify
- 23 which of the three dates was, in fact, the correct one?
- 24 A. I called the -- I called Joe Durako of Waste Management

- 1 and asked him, and I didn't really know until I went by on Monday
- 2 that --
- 3 Q. What did Mr. Durako tell you?
- 4 A. I think he told me -- at that point I think he told me
- 5 that it was Friday.
- 6 Q. Do you remember how many days prior to Friday he told
- 7 you that?
- 8 A. No, I don't. I am sorry.
- 9 Q. All right. What did you do on Monday, March the 13th?
- 10 A. On Monday, March 13th, I went to the Village Hall.
- 11 O. For what purpose?

- 12 A. To see if there was a public hearing.
- 13 Q. So you were still uncertain?
- 14 A. That's right.
- 15 Q. What did you find when you drove to Village Hall on
- 16 Monday, March 13th?
- 17 A. That there was not a hearing.
- 18 Q. Then you did attend on March 17th; is that correct?
- 19 A. Yes, I did.
- 20 Q. Were you prejudiced by seeing three different notices
- 21 for two different dates, and one that was not even on the
- 22 calendar?
- 23 A. Absolutely.
- Q. And how?

- 1 A. Well, for one thing, our energies went to trying to find
- 2 out whether there was a hearing, when it was going to be, you
- 3 know, if this -- what was going on. So instead of being -- when
- 4 we finally got a copy of the -- to look at something, our
- 5 energies were not on that. We had to go and see what was
- 6 happening, whether there was going to be a hearing or not. When
- 7 the first hearing notice came out, I called some people and told
- 8 them that there was going to be a hearing on this date. And then
- 9 the --
- 10 Q. You are referring to which date?
- 11 A. The first date that something came out, the Monday,

- 12 March 13th. I called them initially so they -- because we didn't
- 13 know -- we kept going by the Village Hall to see when there would
- 14 be something posted about the hearing. We didn't hear anything
- 15 about a hearing schedule.
- 16 Q. So in addition to calling the Village Hall once and
- 17 speaking with Joe Durako you actually went by Village Hall?
- 18 A. Yes. Mr. Durako, I believe, thought it was going to be
- 19 on Monday, March 13th also.
- 20 Q. At some point he thought it was going to be Friday,
- 21 March 17th?
- 22 A. Right.
- 23 Q. On any of your visits to city hall in that time frame
- 24 did you see any notice published?

- 1 A. Say that again?
- 2 Q. In any of your visits to the Village Hall prior to March
- 3 17th, did you see any notice on display?
- 4 A. In the beginning I didn't, no. I don't know whether I
- 5 did later, whether -- I don't know how soon I went.
- 6 Q. How were you prejudiced by the confusion over the three
- 7 dates? Is there anything you would have done differently if you
- 8 had had a certain date from the beginning with no changes?
- 9 A. Well, I would have had time to line people up and to say
- 10 definitely that there is going to be a hearing on this. My time

- 11 could have been better spent than all of that.
- 12 Q. Did you speak to anyone who expressed interest in
- 13 attending the hearing?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Who was that?
- 16 A. There was one gentleman who is with the Cahokia Mounds
- 17 Society.
- 18 O. What is his name?
- 19 A. Ken Williams.
- 20 Q. And at the time that you spoke with him, what did he say
- 21 about his interest level in the hearing?
- 22 MR. BARICEVIC: I object. Hearsay.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer?
- MS. HOMEYER: We are trying to establish that there were

- 1 people who would have come if they had known when the hearing
- 2 was.
- 3 MR. BARICEVIC: Then call that witness and let them be
- 4 here. How do we know that -- that is why you have hearsay. She
- 5 wants to testify for the truth of the matter asserted that they
- 6 would not have come.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am going to have to sustain
- 8 that.
- 9 MS. HOMEYER: We are trying to show the fundamental
- 10 unfairness and three notices is part of the claim as fundamental

- 11 unfairness. We need to establish what might have happened
- 12 differently if the notice had been handled properly from the
- 13 beginning.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I understand that, but it is
- 15 still a hearsay situation and Mr. Baricevic's claims are
- 16 well-founded.
- 17 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Did you tell Mr. Williams when the
- 18 hearing date was?
- 19 A. I told Mr. Williams the initial and I only talked to Mr.
- 20 Williams once, I believe. At that point I think I thought it was
- 21 going to be the 13th, but I can't say for sure.
- 22 Q. Did Mr. Williams come to the hearing on March 17th?
- A. No, he did not.
- 24 Q. Was there anyone else -- was there anyone that you would

- 1 have asked to come to the hearing had you not been confused about
- 2 the date?
- 3 A. There were members of the Emerson Park Group that
- 4 expressed an interest in coming. A board member of ESL CAN
- 5 expressed an interest.
- 6 MR. BARICEVIC: I object and ask that that be stricken.
- 7 The question was who did you talk to or who would you have
- 8 called. It is not who expressed an interest in a landfill
- 9 hearing. The question was who would not have come. That's not

- 10 the answer we are getting.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer?
- MS. HOMEYER: I will refocus the question.
- 13 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, would you have taken steps
- 14 to get people to the hearing if you had not been confused about
- 15 the date?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And which people would you have called or which kind of
- 18 people would have you liked to have gotten to the hearing?
- 19 A. I would have called ESL CAN members who expressed an
- 20 interest in coming to the hearing. I would have called some
- 21 people through the -- through another organization, the
- 22 Metro-East Green Way Alliance, who had expressed an interest in
- 23 coming. I would have called a number of environmental people,
- 24 conservation people, who had expressed an interest in coming.

- 1 Q. Okay. Would you have called anyone from any state
- 2 agency?
- 3 A. Yes, I would have.
- 4 Q. Who?
- 5 A. I would have called -- I would have asked Paul Osman
- 6 from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, I would have
- 7 asked if he could come.
- 8 Q. Anyone else that you had in mind generally that you
- 9 might have liked to have seen come to the hearing?

- 10 A. I would have liked if -- this is not specific to the
- 11 notice, but in the general way it was. I would have liked to
- 12 have gotten a couple of engineer people who would have been able
- 13 to look at what was going on, if I could have had them. I had
- 14 spoken to one of them. Again, I didn't have a date.
- 15 Q. Okay. I would like to direct your attention now to the
- 16 issues concerning the availability or the unavailability of the
- 17 transcript of the proceedings of March 17th, 2000.
- 18 A. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. Are you claiming that there was any due process
- 20 violation or fundamental unfairness concerning the unavailability
- 21 of that transcript prior to the exploration of the public
- 22 comment?
- 23 A. It was fundamentally unfair, since it was part of the
- 24 record, for us not to be able to get a transcript of it when it

- 1 was ready. We needed it to be able to properly prepare our
- 2 public comment. We needed to be able to see what exactly
- 3 happened, since we were the ones who were all involved, actively
- 4 involved in it and unable to take proper notes. We needed to be
- 5 able to counter some of the things that were said. We needed to
- 6 be able to address the various issues that were brought out.
- 7 Q. When was the transcript ready?
- 8 A. When was it really ready?

- 9 Q. Yes.
- 10 A. March 24th, one week after the hearing.
- 11 Q. And when did you first find out that the transcript was
- 12 available or that the transcript had been prepared by the court
- 13 reporter and finished by March 24th, 2000?
- 14 A. I guess last week when we got a copy of the transcript
- 15 from --
- 16 Q. Are you referring to the transcript that I requested and
- 17 received from Mr. Baricevic?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. I am handing you Petitioner's Exhibit Number 26. Have
- 20 you seen this before?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Where did you see this?
- 23 A. In your office.
- Q. Where is it from?

- 1 A. It is the notary public seal and the -- I don't know
- 2 what it is called.
- 3 Q. Is this the last two pages of --
- 4 A. The last two pages of the transcript.
- 5 Q. All right. And is this the court reporter's certificate
- 6 stating when the transcript was, in fact, finished?
- 7 A. Yes, it is.
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit

- 9 Number 26 into evidence.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 11 MR. MORAN: No objection.
- MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. It is admitted.
- 14 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 15 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 26 and admitted into
- 16 evidence as of this date.)
- 17 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, did you make any attempts
- 18 prior to the deadline of the public comment to obtain a copy of
- 19 the transcript?
- 20 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. What did those attempts consist of?
- 22 A. Telephone calls to the city, stopping by the city, the
- 23 Village, and I think I wrote letters and I called -- I talked to
- 24 Mr. Baricevic.

- 1 Q. All right. Now I am going to hand you what has been
- 2 marked as Petitioner's Exhibit Number 17. What is this document?
- 3 A. It is a letter to the Village Clerk, attention Karen
- 4 Manso, saying I would like to purchase a copy of the transcript
- 5 of the hearing of the Village Board held on the Milam Landfill
- 6 expansion.
- 7 Q. Is this a letter that you sent to Karen Manso?

- Α. Yes, I --
- 9 Q. What is the date?
- 10 It is dated April 5th, 2000. Α.
- How did you transmit this letter to the city? 11 Ο.
- I sent it fax. I had spoken with her earlier in the 12 Α.
- 13 conversation -- earlier in the day with her. She told me --
- 14 Well, let me ask you this. How did you transmit it to Q.
- 15 the city?
- Via fax. 16 Α.
- 17 Q. Did you also mail it?
- 18 Α. I believe I also mailed it to her.
- 19 Q. All right. And you were saying, then, that Petitioner's
- 20 Exhibit Number 17 followed a telephone conversation that you had
- 21 with Ms. Manso?
- 22 Α. Yes.
- On the same date? 23 Q.
- 24 Α. Yes.

- 1 That date would be what? Q.
- 2 Α. April 5th, 2000.
- 3 All right. What happened in the conversation between
- you and Ms. Manso earlier that day?
- 5 She said that they didn't have a copy yet. She thought
- 6 that it might be at the courthouse, but they didn't have a copy
- of it.

- 8 Q. At the Village?
- 9 A. At the Village.
- 10 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer into evidence
- 11 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 17.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- MR. MORAN: No objection.
- MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: It is admitted.
- 16 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 17 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 17 and admitted into
- 18 evidence as of this date.)
- 19 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Did you receive a reply from Ms. Manso
- 20 after you sent her that letter?
- 21 A. I can't remember. I am sorry.
- 22 Q. Well, do you recall today getting any answer from Ms.
- 23 Manso?
- 24 A. I don't remember.

- 1 Q. Did she call you?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Okay. Did she write you a letter?
- 4 A. I don't believe so.
- 5 Q. Did she make the transcript available?
- A. Did she make the transcript available? Absolutely not.

- 7 Q. Okay. Did you have any conversations with Mr. Baricevic
- 8 about the availability of the transcript?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And when did you call Mr. Baricevic?
- 11 A. I called him on the 14th of April.
- 12 Q. Of this year?
- 13 A. Of this year, on Friday.
- Q. On Friday. And how do you remember that date so
- 15 precisely?
- 16 A. Because one of the reasons for the phone call was that I
- 17 didn't know what the date of the public comment period ending --
- 18 it was officially ending on a Sunday.
- 19 Q. That would be Sunday, April 16th?
- 20 A. April 16th.
- Q. And you wanted to know?
- 22 A. I wanted to know -- I had called the Pollution Control
- 23 Board.
- Q. Well, just focus on your conversation with Mr.

- 1 Baricevic, please.
- 2 A. Okay. I wanted to know if since the period ended on
- 3 Sunday, would it kick over to Monday.
- 4 Q. Did you also -- well, did you speak with him on the 14th
- 5 of April?
- 6 A. No, I did not.

- 7 Q. When did you speak with him?
- 8 A. I spoke with him on Monday.
- 9 Q. How did that conversation start? Who called who?
- 10 A. He called me.
- 11 Q. All right. And in that conversation, did you discuss
- 12 the availability or the unavailability of the transcript of the
- 13 March 17th hearing?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Who said what to whom in that conversation on April
- 16 17th?
- 17 A. He said that he would be making the transcript available
- 18 to me and this was after the public comment period closed. And
- 19 that someone from the Village would call me in a couple of days.
- 20 Q. Did he say that it actually was available or that he
- 21 would make it available?
- 22 A. He said he would make it available to me.
- 23 Q. And that someone from the Village would call you?
- 24 A. That someone from the Village would call me.

- 1 Q. Ms. Andria, did anyone from the Village ever call you?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. At the time that the public comment expired, did you
- 4 have a copy of the transcript available to you?
- 5 A. No.

- 6 Q. Had anyone at Village Hall ever said it was at Village
- 7 Hall?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. To the contrary, what did they tell you?
- 10 A. Ms. Manso told me that she thought it was at the
- 11 courthouse.
- 12 Q. It was not at the Village?
- 13 A. It was not at the Village.
- Q. Did you submit public comment?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. When did you mail it?
- 17 A. I mailed it on Sunday, April 16th.
- 18 Q. How did you mail it?
- 19 A. I mailed it from the airport mail facility in St. Louis.
- 20 Q. Was your public comment postmarked, then, on Sunday,
- 21 April 16th, 2000?
- 22 A. Yes.

- 23 Q. I am handing you what has been marked as Petitioner's
- 24 Exhibit Number 18. What is this?

KEEFE REPORTING COMPANY 1-800-244-0190

- A. This is the U.S. Postal delivery service showing that I
- 2 mailed it on April 16th, 2000, the delivery confirmation receipt,
- 3 priority mail, and also the customer receipt for the amount that
- 4 it cost me to mail it for that date.
- 5 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit

- 6 Number 18 into evidence.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 8 MR. MORAN: No objection.
- 9 MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: So admitted.
- 11 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 12 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 18 and admitted
- into evidence as of this date.)
- 14 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, in your public comment were
- 15 you able to refer to the transcript of the March 17th, 2000
- 16 hearing?
- 17 A. No, I had not seen it.
- 18 Q. How were you prejudiced by not being able to refer to
- 19 that in your public comment?
- 20 A. I could not specifically address the things that were
- 21 testified to. I could not hone in on things. I could not
- 22 counter things that were -- it would have been a guide to go by
- 23 and we didn't have that.
- Q. Why did you not take notes at the hearing?

- 1 A. Because I was walking and giving exhibits to people
- 2 who -- and I had to run the thing. I mean...
- 3 Q. You were at the hearing, you were active, were you not?
- 4 A. I was very active.

- 5 Q. You were not sitting at a table taking notes?
- 6 A. I was not sitting at a table taking notes.
- 7 Q. You were questioning witnesses?
- 8 A. I was.
- 9 Q. You were on your feet?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. You were up in front of the witness, correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you start to tape-record the proceedings?
- 14 A. Yes, I did.
- 15 Q. Did you have permission to do that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And what happened to the attempt to tape-record those
- 18 proceedings?
- 19 A. Well, the tape recorder -- apparently, I tried to start
- 20 it and I thought it started, but it didn't start. I thought that
- 21 it had. But, I mean, I was not sitting at the table. I was up
- 22 at the podium.
- Q. You did not get to tape it, then?
- 24 A. No.

- 1 Q. So you didn't have a tape to listen to either?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. By the way, did you file additional public comment after
- 4 you postmarked the bulk of your public comment?

- 5 A. Yes, I did.
- 6 Q. What did you do?
- 7 A. The next day, on Monday, April 17th, Mr. Norman and I
- 8 went to Village Hall. It was 4:45, I believe, and we had -- I
- 9 had the end of one exhibit, I had put it into two parts, and I
- 10 had part of one exhibit and then a soil survey of St. Clair
- 11 County, and I think another document. I don't remember what it
- 12 was. But we took it to the window and offered it.
- 13 Q. So you submitted your public comment, most of it by mail
- 14 and a little bit the following day in person at Village Hall?
- 15 A. Right.
- 16 Q. Okay. Now, directing your attention to the time period
- 17 after the deadline for public comment, but before the deadline
- 18 for your petition for review?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. At any time did the Village make the transcript of the
- 21 March 17th proceedings available to you in that time frame?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. I am handing you a letter that has been marked as
- 24 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 29. What is this letter?

- 1 A. It is a letter to Mr. Prsha, the Village Clerk of the
- 2 Village of Fairmont City, April 26th, 2000.
- 3 Q. Did you write that letter?

- 4 A. Yes, I did.
- 5 Q. How did you send it to the city?
- 6 A. I sent it to --
- 7 Q. By mail?
- 8 A. By mail. I think it was by mail.
- 9 Q. Do you have any notes that indicate that you faxed it?
- 10 A. I don't see it, but I couldn't be sure.
- 11 Q. All right. But you definitely mailed it?
- 12 A. No, I cannot be sure if it was mailed or just faxed. I
- 13 think it was mailed.
- Q. One or the other?
- 15 A. It was definitely one or the other.
- 16 Q. All right. What are you requesting in your letter of
- 17 April 26th, 2000?
- 18 A. I am asking to purchase a copy of the -- I had faxed --
- 19 I am saying to him on April 5th of 2000 I had faxed a request to
- 20 purchase a copy of the transcript. And I said I needed to get a
- 21 copy as soon as possible in the last letter I said. And then I
- 22 tell him again that I talked to his office and to Mr. Baricevic,
- 23 who said he was going to make one available to me. And then I
- 24 told him that I have not heard from anyone in this matter. Could

- 1 you please let me know as soon as possible when I might get a
- 2 copy of the transcript. I asked him to call me. I left my phone
- 3 number.

- 4 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer into evidence
- 5 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 29.
- 6 MR. MORAN: I have not seen that, I believe.
- 7 MR. BARICEVIC: Neither have I.
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: Okay. I am sorry.
- 9 (Ms. Homeyer showing the document to Counsel.)
- 10 MR. MORAN: I have no objection.
- 11 MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. This is admitted.
- 13 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 14 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 29 and admitted into
- evidence as of this date.)
- 16 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Did Mr. Prsha call you?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Did you continue to make requests to obtain a copy of
- 19 that transcript?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. I am handing you what has been marked as Petitioner's
- 22 Exhibit Number 19. What is this?
- 23 A. This is the letter of May 3rd, 2000, to Mr. Prsha. This
- 24 was sent by fax to the Clerk of Fairmont City and --

- Q. Is this your letter?
- 2 A. This is my letter.

- Q. Okay.
- 4 A. And in this letter I asked him under the Freedom of
- 5 Information Act I hereby request to examine the record of
- 6 proceedings.
- 7 Q. Why were you making a FOIA request?
- 8 A. Because they didn't give me access to documents when I
- 9 just asked.
- 10 MS. HOMEYER: All right. I would like to introduce into
- 11 evidence Petitioner's Exhibit Number 19.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- MR. MORAN: No objection.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- 15 MR. BARICEVIC: No.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. This is admitted.
- 17 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 18 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 19 and admitted into
- 19 evidence as of this date.)
- 20 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, did you ever receive a
- 21 response from the Village to your FOIA request?
- 22 A. I believe I did.
- 23 Q. What did they say? Did they ever give you the
- transcript pursuant to the FOIA request?

- 1 A. No, they sent me a letter saying the transcript was not
- 2 done yet.

- 3 Q. Okay. We will get to that in a moment. I am handing
- 4 you what has been marked as Petitioner's Exhibit Number 24. Can
- 5 you identify this clearly for the record, please?
- 6 A. Yes. It is a letter to me from the Village of Fairmont
- 7 City, dated May 8th.
- 8 Q. Who signed it?
- 9 A. Signed by Mr. Prsha, Nicholas Prsha, the Village Clerk.
- 10 Q. Is that an original letter?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. That is what you received from Mr. Prsha?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. What is attached to it?
- 15 A. An envelope.
- 16 Q. And what is the postmark?
- 17 A. May 8th, 2000.
- 18 Q. And what did the Village tell you on May 8, 2000?
- 19 A. This will acknowledge your letter of May 7th in which
- 20 you request to examine the record of proceedings of the Waste
- 21 Management application for siting. We are unable to comply with
- 22 your request for the following reasons. The written recorded
- 23 transcript has not been finished by the court reporter. We have
- 24 not received a copy as of today's date. That is dated May 8th,

- 2 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit 24
- 3 into evidence.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Thank you. Mr. Moran, have you
- 5 seen this?
- 6 MR. MORAN: Yes. I have no objection.
- 7 MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. It is admitted.
- 9 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 10 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 24 and admitted into
- 11 evidence as of this date.)
- 12 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, at the time that you
- 13 received the letter of May 8, did you know at that time that the
- 14 transcript had, in fact, been ready since March 24th?
- 15 A. Did I know for sure?
- 16 Q. Did you know at that time when you got the letter dated
- 17 May 8 that the transcript had been prepared as of March 24th,
- 18 2000?
- 19 A. I did not know.
- 20 Q. Did you believe them when they told you it was not ready
- 21 yet?
- 22 A. It does not seem logical. It had been a month and a
- 23 half after the hearing.
- Q. So you were not sure if they were telling the truth or

- 2 A. It doesn't seem logical.
- 3 Q. Okay. Now, in this time period, did you have any other
- 4 correspondence with the city where you requested both the minutes
- 5 of the April -- excuse me. What night did the Village actually
- 6 approve an ordinance granting siting approval?
- 7 A. The day after my public comment got there.
- 8 Q. What date was that?
- 9 A. April --
- 10 Q. April 19th?
- 11 A. April 19th, Wednesday night.
- 12 Q. 2000?
- 13 A. 2000.
- 14 Q. Now, did you also send correspondence to the Village
- 15 requesting a copy of the minutes from April 19th, 2000?
- 16 A. Yes, I did.
- 17 Q. And did you also send --
- 18 A. I didn't send it. I took it.
- 19 Q. All right. Did you also communicate correspondence to
- 20 the Village requesting a copy of Ordinance 573, dated April 19th,
- 21 2000?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Did they send you the minutes?
- 24 A. No. I got -- I picked up the minutes. I got the

- 1 minutes.
- Q. Did they send you the ordinance?
- 3 A. I believe so.
- 4 O. So when you wrote them about the minutes you got an
- 5 answer, correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. When you wrote them about the ordinance you got an
- 8 answer, correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. When you wrote them about a transcript, what did you
- 11 get?
- 12 A. It is not ready yet.
- 13 O. I am going to hand you what has been marked as
- 14 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 20. What is this?
- 15 A. This is a letter from the Village of Fairmont City,
- 16 dated May 4th. This will acknowledge receipt of your fax
- 17 dated -- I thought that I -- I did deliver it in person, too --
- 18 dated 05-03, 2000, requesting a copy of the minutes of the
- 19 meeting held on April 19th. I have been informed by Mr. Scott
- 20 Penny that he personally provided you with a copy of these
- 21 minutes at the conclusion of the meeting held on May 3rd. Please
- 22 be advised that we do not accept fax requests for information.
- 23 Also be advised that minutes are available for public
- 24 distribution two days following their approval by the Village

- 1 Board and that requests for the minutes may be made in person at
- 2 the lobby or by conventional mail.
- 3 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit
- 4 Number 20 into evidence.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 6 MR. MORAN: No objection.
- 7 MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: This is admitted.
- 9 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 10 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 20 and admitted into
- 11 evidence as of this date.)
- 12 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) I am handing you Petitioner's Exhibit
- 13 Number 21. What is this?
- 14 A. It is a letter on May 5th that I wrote to Mr. Prsha. I
- 15 sent it via fax. Could you please provide us with a copy of
- 16 Ordinance Number 573 setting forth the decision of the Village
- 17 regarding a siting application for the vertical expansion of the
- 18 Milam Landfill. I say we stopped by the Village Hall today to
- 19 get a copy but were told we had to write a letter to you to get
- 20 one. We can pick it up Tuesday, May 9th, at the window.
- 21 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit
- 22 Number 21 into evidence.
- MR. MORAN: No objection.
- MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.

- 1 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: This is admitted.
- 2 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 3 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 21 and admitted into
- 4 evidence as of this date.)
- 5 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, I am handing you what has
- 6 been marked as Petitioner's Exhibit Number 22. What is this?
- 7 A. A May 7th, 2000 --
- 8 O. Is this a letter?
- 9 A. This is a letter from the American Bottom Conservancy
- 10 signed by me. It is to Nicholas Prsha, dated May 7th, 2000, the
- 11 Village Clerk of Village of Fairmont City.
- 12 O. What were you discussing in this letter?
- 13 A. This is a letter that I took to the Village so that it
- 14 was -- they couldn't say that they didn't get it. I am in
- 15 receipt of your letter of May 4th.
- 16 Q. Oh, you don't have to read the entire thing. What are
- 17 you asking him for?
- 18 A. He said that -- in the letter that I just read he said
- 19 that he didn't accept fax requests for information. Well,
- 20 previously I had been told by Ms. Manso that I could fax
- 21 something over. You do not acknowledge my fax of the same day
- 22 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act. In
- 23 that letter I ask to examine the record of proceedings on the
- 24 application. I am once again requesting that information. Since

- 1 you have accepted request by fax in the past and since you did
- 2 not address this request, I am considering May 4th to be the
- 3 start of the seven days allowed by the Act. I hope you will
- 4 concur and allow me to come examine the records. As I previously
- 5 stated, I can do so at your convenience day or night.
- 6 Q. All right. Thank you.
- 7 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit
- 8 Number 22 into evidence.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 10 MR. MORAN: No objection.
- 11 MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: So admitted.
- 13 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 14 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 22 and admitted into
- evidence as of this date.)
- 16 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) I am handing you what has been marked
- 17 as Petitioner's Exhibit Number 23. What is this?
- 18 A. This is a letter from Village of Fairmont City, signed
- 19 by Mr. Prsha, the Village Clerk.
- Q. What did he send you?
- 21 A. This is to me. This is enclosing the Municipal
- 22 Ordinance Number 573, as per my request.
- 23 Q. And that is dated the same date as a separate letter
- 24 from him saying the transcript was not ready, correct?

- 1 A. Correct.
- Q. So he sent you two letters with the same date?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer into evidence
- 5 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 23.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 7 MR. MORAN: No objection.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- 9 MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: This is admitted.
- 11 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 12 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 23 and admitted into
- evidence as of this date.)
- 14 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, did the Village ever tell
- 15 you that the transcript was, in fact, finally ready?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. I am handing you what has been marked as Petitioner's
- 18 Exhibit Number 25. What is this?
- 19 A. It a letter from Mr. Prsha, Village clerk, Village of
- 20 Fairmont City, dated May 9th, 2000.
- Q. What is attached to it?
- 22 A. The envelope.
- 23 Q. What date is the postmark on that envelope?
- 24 A. May 10th.

- 1 Q. Of this year?
- 2 A. Of 2000.
- 3 Q. All right. And in this letter did he tell you that the
- 4 transcript was ready?
- 5 A. Yes. He said we have today received our copy of the
- 6 transcript.
- 7 Q. Did he tell you what to do if you simply wanted to see
- 8 the transcript? What were you supposed to do?
- 9 A. To -- it is available for inspection in the office of
- 10 the Village Clerk, but to avoid confusion, please schedule
- 11 through Deputy Clerk Karen Manso.
- 12 Q. All right. Is that the same person that you were having
- 13 trouble getting through to whenever you called?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Did he offer you another alternative for obtaining the
- 16 transcript?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. What did he say?
- 19 A. Should you desire a copy, one is available for the
- 20 actual cost of reproduction. The reproduction cost is \$41.75,
- 21 payable in advance. Should you wish to receive a copy please
- 22 send a written request with your payment, and then it tells me
- 23 where to send it.
- Q. So first you were supposed to send them a check,

- 1 correct?
- 2 A. Right.
- 3 Q. Then they would send you the transcript?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. Okay. That was postmarked May 10th, correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Now, to what address did they send that?
- 8 A. To my address, the American Bottom Conservancy, Post
- 9 Office Box 326, East St. Louis.
- 10 Q. And how often do you -- excuse me.
- 11 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit
- 12 Number 25 into evidence.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- MR. MORAN: No objection.
- MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Admitted.
- 17 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 18 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 25 and admitted into
- 19 evidence as of this date.)
- 20 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) How often do you check your post office
- 21 box?
- 22 A. It depends if I am having something that I know is
- 23 coming, I check it frequently. If not, then I maybe check it
- 24 once a week.

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- 1 MS. HOMEYER: May I have Petitioner's Exhibit 24 for a
- 2 moment.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Yes.
- 4 MS. HOMEYER: Thank you.
- 5 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Ms. Andria, I am handing you both
- 6 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 24 and 25. Number 24 is the letter
- 7 dated May 8, postmarked May 8, correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And Petitioner's Exhibit Number 25 is a letter dated May
- 10 9th and postmarked May 10th, correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Now, Ms. Andria, when you went to your post office box
- 13 and found in it the letter dated May 8th that has been marked as
- 14 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 24, was Petitioner's Exhibit Number
- 15 25 in that batch of mail?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Okay. Did you have the transcript available to you
- 18 prior to the time that you filed the petition for review?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. And were you prejudiced by the fact that you did not
- 21 have the transcript available when you prepared the petition for
- 22 review?
- 23 A. Extremely prejudiced.
- Q. How were you prejudiced?

- 1 A. Well, the petition for review is based on fundamental
- 2 fairness -- fundamental unfairness, and among other of the siting
- 3 criteria. And a great deal of the fundamental unfairness was the
- 4 treatment of the citizens in the public hearing, and I didn't
- 5 have it to refer to.
- 6 Q. At the time that we finally got the transcript in late
- 7 July, what did we do with it?
- 8 A. I am sorry.
- 9 Q. Did we finally get the transcript on or about July 28th
- 10 of this year?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And what did we do in terms of the petition for review
- 13 when we got it?
- 14 A. We have an amended petition.
- 15 Q. Does that state with more specificity some of the
- 16 allegations of fundamental unfairness?
- 17 A. Yes, it does.
- 18 Q. Okay. Now at the time that you were preparing the
- 19 petition for review, were you having others look at it?
- 20 A. I am sorry?
- 21 Q. At the time that you were preparing the petition for
- 22 review --
- 23 A. Oh, the petition.
- Q. -- did you have others look at it?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. So you couldn't wait until the last minute to prepare
- 3 it, could you?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Who else signed that original petition for review?
- 6 A. Flossie Hunt, the president of the ESL CAN.
- 7 O. Who else?
- 8 A. Jack Norman.
- 9 Q. And yourself?
- 10 A. And myself.
- 11 Q. All right. At the time that you filed your petition for
- 12 review, you did not have a copy of the transcript available to
- 13 you, correct?
- 14 A. At the time I filed my petition for review, no, I did
- 15 not have a copy of the transcript.
- 16 Q. In fact, you never got it until I got it on July 28th;
- 17 is that right?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. Were you surprised when you saw the transcript and saw
- 20 that the court reporter had certified it on March 24th of 2000?
- 21 MR. MORAN: Objection. It is irrelevant whether she was
- 22 surprised or not surprised.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Sustained.
- 24 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) I am handing you what has been marked

- l as Petitioner's Exhibit Number 27. What is this?
- 2 A. This is the Ordinance Number 573 setting forth the
- 3 decision of the Village of Fairmont City regarding the site
- 4 location application for the vertical expansion of the Milam
- 5 recycling and disposal facility submitted by Waste Management of
- 6 Illinois.
- 7 Q. Are you claiming that there is any flaw or defect in the
- 8 text of the ordinance?
- 9 A. Well, this was signed and voted on.
- 10 Q. On what date?
- 11 A. On April 19th, 2000, and one of the things that they
- 12 referred to as -- that they have got the transcript in front of
- 13 them, the transcript of the public hearing. And it was May the
- 14 8th that they were still saying it was not ready yet, that they
- 15 didn't have a copy at Village Hall.
- 16 Q. Were you interested in attending the meeting at which
- 17 that vote was taken?
- 18 A. I would have liked to have been there, yes.
- 19 Q. Were you at city hall on Monday, April 17th?
- 20 A. Yes, we were.
- Q. About what time of day?
- 22 A. It was a quarter to five.
- 23 Q. Where are notices published or where are they put out in
- 24 city hall?

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- 1 A. There is a little bulletin board to the right of window.
- 2 Q. Did you look at the bulletin board on that day?
- 3 A. Yes, I did.
- 4 Q. What was there?
- 5 A. It was the -- I believe it was the agenda from the
- 6 previous meeting two weeks before.
- 7 Q. Did you look at that bulletin board and see anything
- 8 that told you that there would be a meeting on Wednesday, April
- 9 19th?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Had you known, would you have attended?
- 12 A. Yes, I would have.
- 13 MS. HOMEYER: I would like to offer Petitioner's Exhibit
- 14 Number 27 into evidence.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- MR. MORAN: No objection.
- 17 MR. BARICEVIC: No objection.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Admitted.
- 19 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 20 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 27 and admitted into
- 21 evidence as of this date.)
- 22 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Just for the record, could you identify
- 23 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 28?

- 1 of Fairmont City, with a copy to Karen Manso, the Deputy Clerk
- 2 with a --
- 3 Q. What were you asking for?
- 4 A. I am asking to receive a copy of the minutes of the
- 5 meeting held on the 19th.
- 6 Q. Did you personally deliver this?
- 7 A. Yes, I delivered it with Jennifer Lucky (spelled
- 8 phonetically). We gave it to the dispatcher.
- 9 Q. Did you ask for Karen Manso when you delivered it?
- 10 A. Yes, we did.
- 11 Q. What were you told?
- 12 A. I asked if Karen was there. She said, don't know.
- 13 Might have left. I asked what her hours were and she said they
- 14 vary. And this is something that -- this is not the first time
- 15 that I heard this. She said sometimes she gets here at 6:00 in
- 16 the morning. I asked who is in the clerk's office. And they
- 17 said he was just here and he left. And then I asked if I could
- 18 leave this for the clerk's office, which I did. And they let me
- 19 leave it.
- 20 MS. HOMEYER: I am offering Petitioner's Exhibit Number 28
- 21 into evidence.
- 22 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I just want to note -- do you
- 23 have a copy of this, Mr. Moran?

- 1 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: It has handwritten notes on this,
- 2 as well.
- 3 MR. MORAN: Yes.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. Do you have an objection
- 5 to this?
- 6 MR. MORAN: No.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic?
- 8 MR. BARICEVIC: Only that wasn't the aerial photo P-28?
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Yes, it was Mr. Baricevic.
- 10 MS. HOMEYER: Thank you. Then I would like to change this
- 11 to 31.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Do you mind if I go ahead and do
- 13 it?
- 14 MS. HOMEYER: No. Thank you very much.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Other than the numbering, Mr.
- 16 Baricevic?
- 17 MR. BARICEVIC: No, no objection.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: This will be admitted as
- 19 Petitioner's Exhibit Number 31.
- 20 (Whereupon said document was duly marked for purposes of
- 21 identification as Petitioner's Exhibit 31 and admitted into
- evidence as of this date.)

- 23 Q. (By Ms. Homeyer) Was that the pattern of your attempts
- to contact Ms. Manso?

- 1 A. After -- at a certain point, that was the pattern all of
- 2 the time.
- 3 Q. When did that certain point come about?
- 4 A. I think when she told us something that --
- 5 Q. I said when did --
- 6 A. I know.
- 7 Q. Just approximately. Before the March 17th hearing?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. What are you asking the Pollution Control Board to do on
- 10 your petition for review or amended petition?
- 11 A. To totally reverse it.
- 12 Q. And why are you asking for the Board to reverse it
- 13 outright?
- 14 A. Because given the incredible amount of fundamental
- 15 unfairness. I think just to remand it would not cure that.
- 16 Q. And are you also planning to submit a brief, a post
- 17 trial brief that will address not only fundamental unfairness but
- 18 also the siting criteria?
- 19 A. Yes, we are.
- 20 MS. HOMEYER: Okay. I don't have --
- 21 THE WITNESS: One thing.
- 22 (The witness talking to Ms. Homeyer.)

- MS. HOMEYER: Could we take a short break?
- 24 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Any objection to that.

- 1 MR. MORAN: Let the record reflect that the witness has
- 2 requested that she be allowed to take a break with her lawyer.
- 3 We have no objection to that.
- 4 MS. HOMEYER: May I speak with my client for a moment?
- 5 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: The record will note that, and we
- 6 will take a two minute recess.
- 7 (Whereupon a short recess was taken.)
- 8 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. We are back on the
- 9 record.
- 10 MS. HOMEYER: I don't have any further questions for Ms.
- 11 Andria.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. We are finished with
- 13 the direct. I think we want to take a lunch break before we do
- 14 cross. I would like to take a lunch break before we do cross. I
- 15 am assuming that unless you have like a 20 minute cross --
- MR. MORAN: I don't think that is reasonable.
- 17 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. Then we will take a lunch
- 18 recess. We will break and we will take 45 minutes. So we will
- 19 be back at a quarter to 2:00.
- 20 (Whereupon a lunch recess was taken from approximately 1:00
- 21 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

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| 1  | AFTERNOON SESSION  |
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| 2  | (August 22, 2000; 2:00 p.m.)                                     |
| 3  | HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. We are back on record        |
| 4  | after a short lunch recess, commencing with the                  |
| 5  | cross-examination, starting with Mr. Moran, of Kathy Andria.     |
| 6  | Ms. Andria, let me remind you that you are still under           |
| 7  | oath.  |
| 8  | THE WITNESS: (Nodded head up and down.)                          |
| 9  | CROSS EXAMINATION  |
| 10 | BY MR. MORAN:  |
| 11 | Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Andria.                                   |
| 12 | A. Good afternoon, Mr. Moran.                                    |
| 13 | Q. Now, Ms. Andria, you have been involved in siting             |
| 14 | proceedings prior to this one; is that correct?                  |
| 15 | A. That's correct.   |
| 16 | Q. I believe you testified on direct examination that you        |
| 17 | have been involved in three siting proceedings prior to this one |
| 18 | is that correct?   |
| 19 | A. I believe that is correct.                                    |

Q. Would it be accurate to say that in those three siting

hearings you were also appearing in opposition to the application

- 22 that was being made by the applicant for a pollution control
- 23 facility?
- 24 A. That's correct.

- Q. Is it also accurate to say that you attended the public
- 2 hearings on each of those siting applications?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. Would it also be accurate to say that with respect to
- 5 your participation in those siting hearings that you also had
- 6 prepared evidence or testimony that you intended to present in
- 7 opposition to those applications?
- 8 A. That's not correct.
- 9 Q. In which of those three siting hearings did you not
- 10 present or attempt to present some evidence in support of your
- 11 position?
- 12 A. I don't believe I tried to, and I may be wrong, my
- 13 memory may be wrong, but I am not sure that I tried to present
- 14 evidence in the National City siting. I don't remember whether I
- 15 did or not.
- 16 Q. Well, would it be accurate to say, then, that for the
- 17 other two siting proceedings that, in fact, you did attempt to
- 18 present some evidence in opposition to the siting request?
- 19 MS. HOMEYER: Mr. Hearing Officer, I am going to object on
- 20 the grounds of relevance that the other siting proceedings are

- 21 not relevant to this one. There is no relationship to those
- 22 prior proceedings and the claims that are being presented at the
- 23 hearing today.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?

- 1 MR. MORAN: This witness has claimed a certain amount of
- 2 harm and prejudice as a result of what she has alleged to be
- 3 procedural deficiencies or irregularities in connection with this
- 4 siting proceedings. And the reason that this testimony is
- 5 relevant is because Ms. Andria, by virtue of her experience in
- 6 these prior siting proceedings, knows the procedures, knows the
- 7 manner in which public hearings occur, in which they are
- 8 transcribed, and how to move forward from those. That's simply
- 9 what I am trying to establish.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: The objection is overruled.
- 11 Do you recall the last question, Ms. Andria?
- 12 THE WITNESS: No, I don't. Would you read it back, please.
- 13 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read
- back by the Reporter.)
- 15 THE WITNESS: In terms of the first one, it was my first
- 16 siting hearing ever. I don't exactly know. I don't remember.
- 17 It was five years ago. It was the first time I had been to one
- 18 of them, so I don't know exactly what I tried to do at that time.
- 19 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Just so that we are clear, let's
- 20 reference these two siting proceedings.

- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. The first one involved a proposal by the Wood River
- 23 Partners; is that correct?
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And that petition was filed with the City of Wood River?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And in that siting proceeding there was an approval of
- 4 that request, wasn't there?
- 5 A. I believe so.
- 6 Q. And there was an appeal of that siting approval; isn't
- 7 that true?
- 8 A. I believe so.
- 9 Q. And as part of the appeal in that case, one of the
- 10 contentions was that the public hearing transcript was not made
- 11 available on a timely basis to the petitioners; is that correct?
- 12 MS. HOMEYER: I am going to object on the grounds of
- 13 relevance. Each of these siting hearings was its own set of
- 14 facts. And I don't think it makes any difference to our claim of
- 15 fundamental unfairness on our own petition here what claims were
- 16 made in prior petitions, because it depends on what the facts
- 17 were of those. I do not see any relevance between three other
- 18 hearings with three completely different set of facts. He is not
- 19 establishing knowledge of procedures. He is trying to show that

- 20 she has a common complaint in all of these and that is totally
- 21 irrelevant.
- 22 He is not asking her questions designed to elicit what he
- 23 said he was trying to elicit, which is knowledge of how siting
- 24 procedures are conducted. He is going far afield of his stated

- 1 purpose. And what he is trying to do, I believe, is show that
- 2 she has a perpetual claim of unavailability of transcript. Every
- 3 case is going to turn on its own facts.
- 4 I think this is prejudicial to bring in facts not in
- 5 evidence of another siting hearing and what the appeal consisted
- 6 of. He has also not established that she was even involved in
- 7 the appeal. I think this line of questioning is totally
- 8 irrelevant and prejudicial.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 10 MR. MORAN: I agree it is very prejudicial to Ms. Andria
- 11 and to her participation in this proceeding what she has
- 12 contended. My point is that Ms. Andria has been involved in
- 13 proceedings where she has acquired not only experience but
- 14 knowledge of the manner by which a public hearing transcript is
- 15 prepared and that, indeed, the attempt here to claim that a
- 16 public hearing transcript was not made available is the same
- 17 claim that she has asserted or seen asserted in prior
- 18 proceedings. So that when she claims here that she was unaware
- 19 of the process by which a hearing transcript is prepared, and

- 20 that she is unaware of the process by which that public hearing
- 21 transcript can be made available that that testimony is not
- 22 credible.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am going to let this line of
- 24 questioning go on for a little bit. Your objection is noted for

- the record. I do think it impacts credibility. And I think the
- 2 Board is capable of distinguishing between the facts of this case
- 3 and the facts of the other cases. But I don't want to get too
- 4 involved in these other cases, Mr. Moran.
- 5 MS. HOMEYER: Well, I am going to object on the grounds he
- 6 has not established yet that she was involved in the appeal.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: You may want to lay some
- 8 additional foundation requirements.
- 9 MR. MORAN: May I have my last question back?
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I will sustain that objection,
- 11 the foundation.
- 12 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read
- back by the Reporter.)
- 14 THE WITNESS: We are talking about Wood River?
- MR. MORAN: Yes.
- 16 THE WITNESS: I believe so.
- 17 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Now, did you participate in any way in
- 18 the appeal of the decision by the City of Wood River to approve

- 19 that siting request?
- 20 A. I did to a very minor extent.
- 21 Q. And to what extent did you participate in that appeal?
- 22 A. I don't remember a lot of it. I remember that there was
- 23 Mr. Benson from the Sierra Club prepared the -- he is the one who
- 24 did most of everything and I think I attended a hearing, but I

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- 1 don't remember much of how things went and what I did, what my
- 2 part was.
- 3 Q. Did you, in that case, make any attempt to obtain a copy
- 4 of the public hearing transcript?
- 5 A. I believe so.
- 6 Q. And to whom did you make that request?
- 7 A. To the city.
- 8 Q. The City of Wood River?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Did you make that request in writing?
- 11 A. Mr. Moran, I do not have a memory of what went on during
- 12 that time. I am sorry.
- 13 Q. Did you obtain a copy of the public hearing transcript?
- 14 A. I don't believe so.
- 15 Q. That was one of the arguments that was raised in that
- 16 appeal, the lack of a public hearing transcript?
- 17 A. I believe so.
- 18 Q. Did you prepare the public comment that was submitted in

- 19 that case or did you help prepare it?
- 20 A. I think I worked on the Madison County Conservation
- 21 Alliance. I did not prepare Mr. Benson's -- I don't believe I
- 22 worked with him on that.
- 23 Q. But you worked with the Alliance in terms of preparing
- 24 their public comment in that case?

- 1 A. It was a joint -- I mean, there were several of us who
- 2 worked on it.
- 3 Q. Let's focus on the second siting hearing in which you
- 4 participated and that was the siting hearing related to the
- 5 application by Metro-East to build an incinerator; is that
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. I believe the second one was National City.
- 8 Q. If the second was National City, let's make the third
- 9 one the application by Metro-East to build an incinerator.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Did you participate in that public hearing?
- 12 A. Yes, I did.
- 13 Q. Did you appear on behalf of an organization or did you
- 14 appear in your own personal capacity?
- 15 A. I appeared both.
- 16 Q. Similar to what you have done here, correct?
- 17 A. Well, we have an attorney now.

- 18 Q. I am saying in the public hearing?
- 19 A. In the public hearing.
- 20 Q. As you did in the public hearing here, where you
- 21 appeared personally and in a representative capacity, you did the
- 22 same thing in the Metro-East siting application?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 Q. In the Metro-East siting application, did you request a

- 1 copy of the public hearing transcript?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And did you request that of the decision maker?
- 4 A. Yes, I did.
- 5 Q. Who was the decision maker in that case?
- 6 A. The City of Madison.
- 7 Q. Did you receive a copy of the public hearing transcript
- 8 from the City of Madison?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Did you appeal the decision of the City of Madison?
- 11 A. Yes, I did.
- 12 Q. And was one of the issues that you raised the lack of a
- 13 public hearing transcript?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Now, based upon your experience with these siting
- 16 proceedings, who prepares the public hearing transcript?
- 17 A. Who prepares it?

- 18 Q. Yes.
- 19 A. It is prepared by the court reporter.
- 20 Q. And did the court reporter in each of those two previous
- 21 sitings prepare the public hearing transcript for those
- 22 proceedings?
- 23 MS. HOMEYER: I am going to object to lack of knowledge as
- 24 to who prepared anything.

- 1 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 2 MR. MORAN: I think it is clearly relevant to her
- 3 understanding and knowledge of these proceedings from whom a
- 4 public hearing transcript can be obtained.
- 5 MS. HOMEYER: He didn't ask her what she understands. He
- 6 asked her who prepares the transcript. I am going to object to
- 7 it. There is no way this witness could know who prepared those
- 8 transcripts.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I will overrule the objection to
- 10 the extent that you know, ma'am. If you do know the answer, you
- 11 may answer.
- 12 THE WITNESS: My focus was not on the court reporter. I
- 13 had not a clue.
- Q. (By Mr. Moran) Do you know, as you sit here today, who
- 15 prepares the transcript of a public hearing in a siting
- 16 proceeding?

- 17 A. I know that the court reporter prepares it and that it
- 18 is supposed to be at the seat of the siting authority, and it is
- 19 supposed to be available to the public, yes, sir.
- 20 Q. And what facts or information do you have that indicates
- 21 that there is a requirement that the public hearing transcript be
- 22 maintained at the office of the local decision maker?
- 23 A. The record is supposed to be at the seat of the siting
- 24 authority. The village clerk's office is the office to get --

- 1 for the public to get information. You are not -- citizens are
- 2 not supposed to be running around trying to find out who has got
- 3 a copy. It should be there at the village board or at the city
- 4 clerk's office or whoever the siting authority is. It should be
- 5 available to -- it is a public document. It was a public hearing
- 6 and it should be available to citizens.
- 7 MR. MORAN: Mr. Hearing Officer, I move to strike all of
- 8 her testimony beginning with citizens should not be running
- 9 around trying to find documents that should be on file.
- 10 MS. HOMEYER: I am going to object that he is arguing with
- 11 the witness. He asked her a question and if he doesn't like the
- 12 answer he is just going to have to live with it.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am going to deny your motion to
- 14 strike. Mr. Moran, I think at least part of the answer was
- 15 unresponsive but I would ask in the future jump in there when you
- 16 think that we are getting too far afield on an answer because I

- don't really recall what part of the answer is unresponsive.
- 18 MR. MORAN: Could we have my -- I don't think my question
- 19 was answered at all. Could we have my question asked back and
- 20 let's listen to the response. I think that might be --
- 21 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Yes, that would be okay. Let's
- 22 do that.
- 23 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read
- back by the Reporter.)

- 1 MR. MORAN: Mr. Hearing Officer, my question was what facts
- 2 or information do you have to support your contention that it is
- 3 required that the Village or local governing body maintain a copy
- 4 of the public hearing transcript. Her response, evidently, was
- 5 opinion and conjecture about what ought to be the case. That was
- 6 the basis for my motion to strike.
- 7 MS. HOMEYER: Your Honor, I would say that if she should --
- 8 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Please, it is Mr. Hearing
- 9 officer. I don't have the honor of being a Your Honor. So Mr.
- 10 Knittle or Mr. Hearing Officer preferably.
- 11 MS. HOMEYER: All right.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: And you were saying?
- 13 MS. HOMEYER: I think if he feels that the answer was not
- 14 responsive he should try and get a second answer. I don't think
- 15 the appropriate remedy is to strike the answer that the witness

- 16 did give. I the think the witness' answer is her answer, and I
- 17 don't think he can strike it just because it was not exactly what
- 18 he was looking for.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Well, I am going to stand on the
- 20 earlier ruling and let it stand. Do jump in if you think it is
- 21 unresponsive, Mr. Moran. But I do agree with you that it didn't
- 22 seem to be very responsive to your question. I will allow you to
- 23 reask it.
- 24 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Let's try again, Ms. Andria. What facts

- 1 or information do you have that supports your contention that the
- 2 Village of Fairmont City was obligated to maintain a copy of the
- 3 public hearing transcript in its offices?
- 4 A. It is my understanding that the transcript is part of
- 5 the record of the proceedings, and the record of the proceedings
- 6 are supposed to be available to citizens at the office of the
- 7 siting authority, available for reproduction at cost.
- 8 Q. And what facts or information do you have that supports
- 9 your contention that the record of proceedings includes the
- 10 public hearing transcript and must be maintained at the Village
- 11 of Fairmont City?
- 12 A. Do I -- are you asking me do I not think that the
- 13 transcript is part of the record of public proceedings?
- 14 Q. No. What I have asked you is what facts or what
- 15 information do you have that supports your conclusion that the

- 16 record of proceedings must be maintained at the Village of
- 17 Fairmont City and that the record of proceedings includes the
- 18 public hearing transcript? Did someone tell you that? Did you
- 19 read it in the law someplace? Is it your general understanding?
- 20 What facts or information do you have? What is the basis for
- 21 your statement?
- 22 A. From reading what I have seen written about information,
- 23 the record of the -- what the availability is supposed to -- I
- 24 think there is something in the siting record, the siting, EPA

- 1 39.2 or maybe it goes into some other part, that the record is
- 2 supposed to be there. It is my understanding from the law that
- 3 it should be there. The clerk's office is the appropriate place
- 4 to get the information.
- 5 Q. Did anybody tell you that?
- 6 A. I don't know.
- 7 Q. Now, Ms. Andria, you testified I believe this morning
- 8 regarding the relationship between Mr. Baricevic and Mr. Chatham?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And you stated in your testimony that you first learned
- 11 of this relationship in talking to one of the newspaper reporters
- 12 after the hearing?
- 13 A. No, sir.
- 14 Q. How did you first learn of this relationship?

- 15 A. I first learned of the relationship when I read it in
- 16 the paper the next morning.
- 17 Q. So you didn't talk to the newspaper reporter? You read
- 18 it in the newspaper article that appeared the day after the
- 19 hearing?
- 20 A. No, that is not true. I talked to a newspaper reporter
- 21 after the hearing, but not about that.
- 22 Q. So you first learned of this relationship between Mr.
- 23 Baricevic and Mr. Chatham on Saturday, March 18th of the year
- 24 2000; is that correct?

- 1 MS. HOMEYER: May I interject? Relationship? Which
- 2 relationship are you talking about?
- 3 MR. MORAN: The relationship she testified about regarding
- 4 the fact that Mr. Baricevic and Mr. Chatham are brothers-in-law.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Oh, no. I just learned that last week or
- 6 whenever.
- 7 Q. (By Mr. Moran) You just learned it last week?
- 8 A. Yes, whenever -- within the last couple of weeks. I did
- 9 not know anything about that. I learned about -- what you are
- 10 referring to is the fact that they shared a law office. That is
- 11 what was in the article in the newspaper. I learned that then.
- 12 I did not know anything about the fact that they were
- 13 brothers-in-law until we retained an attorney.
- 14 Q. Is it accurate to say that you first learned that Mr.

- 15 Baricevic and Mr. Chatham shared office space on March 18th of
- 16 2000?
- 17 A. I believe so.
- 18 Q. And you learned that in a newspaper article that
- 19 appeared on March 18th?
- 20 A. I believe so.
- 21 Q. Did you have any discussions with anyone about what you
- 22 had learned regarding the shared office arrangement between Mr.
- 23 Baricevic and Mr. Chatham?
- 24 A. Probably.

- Q. Who did you speak to?
- 2 A. At that time? When are you referring to?
- 3 Q. At any time after you learned it?
- 4 A. Probably Mr. Norman. Probably other people who read the
- 5 article.
- 6 Q. And what did you say to Mr. Norman about this knowledge?
- 7 A. I couldn't possibly remember that, Mr. Moran.
- 8 Q. Do you remember any of the substantive discussions you
- 9 had with anybody about this fact that you learned on March the
- 10 18th?
- 11 A. Surprise and the fact that I thought it was
- 12 inappropriate.
- 13 Q. And why did you think it was inappropriate?

- 14 A. I do not think that -- I think that because the hearing
- 15 was to us -- it appeared to be conducted in such an unfair way
- 16 that -- and all of the rulings went against us, and I thought it
- 17 was probably -- I thought there was a connection.
- 18 Q. Would it be accurate to say that you suspected that this
- 19 office arrangement between Mr. Baricevic and Mr. Chatham was in
- 20 some way the cause or maybe an explanation for some of the
- 21 rulings that had been made at the public hearing the day before?
- 22 A. What I thought was that it was an unwise decision to
- 23 choose an office person to have a hearing officer.
- 24 Q. Did you think this relationship provided some evidence

- 1 of perhaps bias or predisposition with respect to the behavior of
- 2 Mr. Chatham at the hearing?
- 3 A. Would you rephrase that, please?
- 4 Q. Yes. Did you believe this shared office arrangement was
- 5 some evidence of bias or prejudice on the part of Mr. Chatham as
- 6 he conducted the public hearing?
- 7 A. I thought the evidence of his bias was the hearing
- 8 itself.
- 9 Q. Would it be accurate to say that this additional
- 10 knowledge you learned of this shared office relationship between
- 11 Mr. Baricevic and Mr. Chatham was further support for your
- 12 initial conclusion that Mr. Chatham was being unfair and partial
- 13 during the course of the hearing?

- 14 A. I think it adds -- when you add it all up, yes, I think
- 15 it additionally supports it.
- 16 Q. Now, did you raise this issue in any way in the public
- 17 comment that you filed with the Village of Fairmont City?
- 18 A. No, I did not.
- 19 Q. Did you in any way raise this issue with the Village of
- 20 Fairmont City at any point after you learned it?
- 21 A. The hearing was over, sir.
- 22 Q. So is your answer that you did not in any way raise this
- 23 issue with the Village of Fairmont City; is that correct?
- 24 A. They could have read the article, that's correct. I am

- 1 sure they read the article, too.
- 2 MR. MORAN: Mr. Hearing Officer, I move to strike that last
- 3 comment.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Granted. Just the "they read the
- 5 article, too?"
- 6 MR. MORAN: Yes.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: For clarity of the record. Yes,
- 8 that is stricken.
- 9 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Now, Ms. Andria, you also testified at
- 10 some length this morning about what you considered to be the
- 11 fundamental unfairness of being unable to prepare a case because
- 12 the witnesses for the applicant were not examined at length about

- 13 the reports they prepared as part of the siting request. Do you
- 14 recall that testimony?
- 15 A. I recall that testimony.
- 16 Q. And your testimony was to the effect that you personally
- 17 were forced to carry the burden of conducting the hearing because
- 18 of that arrangement; is that correct?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. I believe you also testified that you first became aware
- 21 of the fact that this application was going to be filed at the
- 22 end of October of 1999; is that correct?
- 23 A. I am sorry? That I first became --
- 24 Q. Aware that this siting application for a vertical

- 1 expansion was going to be filed and you learned about that at the
- 2 end of October of 1999?
- 3 A. I learned about it at the end of October that it would
- 4 be filed in the future.
- 5 Q. Did you learn when it would be filed in the future?
- 6 A. I don't remember precisely what it said.
- 7 Q. Well, isn't it true that the applications was, in fact,
- 8 filed with the Village of Fairmont City on November 19th of 1999?
- 9 A. That is correct.
- 10 Q. And I believe you --
- 11 A. At least that is what -- I assumed that is correct.
- 12 That's what the public notice said.

- Q. Well, do you have any information or facts to suggest
- 14 that --
- 15 A. I do not.
- 16 O. -- it was not filed on --
- 17 A. I do not, but --
- 18 Q. -- November 19th?
- 19 A. -- you asked me -- I am sorry, but you asked me if I
- 20 knew that it, indeed, was. Since I didn't see it, I can't answer
- 21 that, yes, that I know it was.
- 22 Q. And you have made no effort since then to determine or
- 23 verify that it was filed on November 19th of 1999; is that
- 24 correct?

- 1 A. You mean that I -- I don't know. That I have made no
- 2 attempt to go and see that it was filed?
- 3 Q. No, that is not what I asked.
- 4 A. I don't understand.
- 5 Q. Let me rephrase the question and try to be a little
- 6 clearer.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. Do you know, as you sit here today, whether the siting
- 9 application for the vertical expansion was filed on November 19th
- 10 of 1999?
- 11 A. Do I know specifically?

- 12 Q. Yes.
- 13 A. No, I do not.
- 14 Q. You have, obviously, made no attempts to confirm that,
- 15 in fact, the application was filed on November 19th of 1999; is
- 16 that correct?
- 17 A. I don't know how I would begin to do that.
- 18 Q. You indicated also on your direct examination that you
- 19 had made an inquiry of the Village as to the availability of the
- 20 application for either review or copying; is that correct?
- 21 A. Would you state that again, please?
- MR MORAN: Would you read it back, please.
- 23 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read
- back by the Reporter.)

- 1 THE WITNESS: No, that is not correct. Initially I asked
- 2 to obtain a copy.
- 3 Q. (By Mr. Moran) You made that request to obtain a copy in
- 4 early December of 1999?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. So you at no point early on made a request to review the
- 7 application; is that correct?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. You made a request to review the application?
- 10 A. Later.
- 11 Q. Later on?

- 12 A. (Nodded head up and down.)
- 13 Q. Let's focus this question to a period from November 19th
- 14 of 1999, until the end of the year, until December 31st of 1999.
- 15 Did you make any request of the Village to view the application
- 16 during this period?
- 17 A. I do not know precisely when I made an attempt to view
- 18 the application. I do not have those dates.
- 19 Q. So as you sit here today, you have no recollection of
- 20 requesting from the Village an opportunity to review the
- 21 application between November 19th and December 31st of 1999; is
- 22 that correct?
- 23 A. That's not my answer. That wasn't what you asked me.
- 24 You asked me if I remembered the date. I do not remember the

- 1 date. I remember requesting. I do not remember when.
- 2 Q. Do you remember a time period within which you requested
- 3 an opportunity to review the siting application? In other words,
- 4 was it between October of 1999 and July of 2000? Was it between
- 5 October of 1999 and January of 2000? Could you give us some
- 6 range as to when you first requested an opportunity to review the
- 7 application?
- 8 A. Well, it wasn't in November because it was not filed
- 9 until the middle of November. I am sure it was after
- 10 Thanksqiving. So it would have to be December and January, in

- 11 that time period.
- 12 Q. So either in December or January you requested an
- 13 opportunity to review the siting application, correct?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. That is different than your request to have a copy of
- 16 the siting application made for you; is that correct?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. So these are two separate requests, correct?
- 19 A. I first requested to get a copy. That's what I wanted
- 20 to do, get a copy.
- Q. And you made that request when?
- 22 MS. HOMEYER: Objection. Mr. Knittle, there is an exhibit
- 23 that we introduced that has the letter that she wrote on the date
- 24 she had the conversation. I would like the witness to have an

- 1 opportunity to look at that exhibit.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 3 MR. MORAN: Mr. Knittle, if I need to refresh this witness'
- 4 recollection I will certainly -- I am capable of doing that. I
- 5 want to ask independently if she has any recollection as to when
- 6 she first requested a copy of this application.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am going to overrule the
- 8 objection. If you know the answer, please --
- 9 THE WITNESS: It was probably sometime -- when I called the
- 10 Village Hall, it was sometime after I saw the notice that the

- 11 application had been filed. Ms. Manso told me that she would
- 12 find out how much it was. That it would be very expensive and
- 13 she would get back to me and she called me back. And so this was
- 14 going on sometime between November 19th and December 15th when
- 15 she wrote me the letter that I requested that she put it in
- 16 writing.
- 17 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Was this the first and only time you
- 18 requested a copy of the application to be made for you?
- 19 A. To be made for me, yes, it is.
- 20 Q. And this was in a telephone call to Karen Manso,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. This was in a telephone call to Karen Manso that I made
- 23 that request.
- 24 Q. And in making this request, Ms. Manso responded to you?

- 1 A. Excuse me?
- 2 Q. And did Ms. Manso respond to you when you had this phone
- 3 conversation with her about requesting a copy of the application?
- 4 A. We had a conversation, yes. She said that she -- that I
- 5 -- I think I just said what my answer was, that she -- do you
- 6 want to hear the answer again?
- 7 Q. Yes, please.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Would you read the answer back? Because it
- 9 is the same question.

- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ma'am, ma'am.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: And everybody who wants to have
- 13 the court reporter read anything back, you have to address it to
- 14 me and I will decide whether I want the court reporter to read
- 15 anything back.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Okay. I am sorry.
- MR. MORAN: Ma'am, I am sorry. Did you finish your last
- 18 answer?
- 19 THE WITNESS: I don't remember your question, sir.
- 20 MR. MORAN: Mr. Hearing Officer, could we have the last
- 21 question read back.
- HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Yes, we could. Darlene, could
- 23 you read it back?
- 24 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read

- 1 back by the Reporter.)
- THE WITNESS: Did she respond to me? Yes, we had a
- 3 conversation. I asked her --
- 4 Q. (By Mr. Moran) What did she say to you in this
- 5 conversation?
- 6 A. She said that she -- that the copy would be very
- 7 expensive, over \$500.00, that I would have to pay -- that she had
- 8 to check with the chief to see how much it would be. That I
- 9 would have to pay for travel time for the police officer to take

- 10 it, or I think that's what she told me in response when she
- 11 called me back to -- a police officer to take it to the copy
- 12 store, and also the cost of mileage.
- 13 Q. Ms. Andria, do you recall having appeared to give a
- 14 deposition on August 8th of this year, 2000?
- 15 A. Yes, I do.
- 16 Q. Do you recall having appeared at that deposition in the
- 17 offices of your lawyer?
- 18 A. Yes, I do.
- 19 Q. And do you recall at that time being put under oath?
- 20 A. Yes, I do.
- 21 Q. And do you recall at that time taking that oath to tell
- 22 the truth in response to any questions that were being asked?
- 23 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. And, in fact, that was your intent at the time, to be

- 1 truthful in responding to any questions that were posed to you;
- 2 is that correct?
- 3 A. That's correct and it still is, sir.
- 4 Q. Ms. Andria, do you recall at that deposition me asking
- 5 you this question and you giving this answer?
- 6 MS. HOMEYER: Page, please.
- 7 MR. MORAN: This is page 34, line 17.
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: Thank you.

- 9 Q. The following question and answer:
- 10 "Question: Now, when you first came across the notice and
- 11 saw the notice, did you make any inquiries of anyone with respect
- 12 to anything that was contained in the notice, in other words, for
- 13 the purpose of either obtaining more information or of
- 14 communicating this information to other people?
- 15 Answer: I, at some point, and I don't think it was right
- 16 away, but I think in a week or so, a week or two later, I called
- 17 the Fairmont City Village Hall and asked to get a copy of the
- 18 application."
- 19 Now, were you asked that question and did you give that
- 20 answer?
- 21 A. If that's what it says, yes.
- 22 Q. Were you asked the following question and did you give
- 23 the following answer:
- 24 "Question: You said you called the Village of Fairmont

- 1 City at that time?"
- This is on page 36. I am sorry. It is on page 36, on line
- 3 1.
- 4 "Question: You said you called the Village of Fairmont
- 5 City at that time?
- 6 Answer: That's my memory.
- 7 Question: Who did you talk to in the Village, do you know?
- 8 Answer: I think I talked to the deputy clerk.

- 9 Question: And who is the deputy clerk?
- 10 Answer: Karen Manso."
- 11 Were you asked those questions and did you give those
- 12 answers at your deposition?
- 13 MS. HOMEYER: Mr. Hearing Officer, I would like to object
- 14 in that this is not proper impeachment. The witness has
- 15 testified the same in her deposition as she is testifying today.
- 16 And I don't believe that this is proper impeachment.
- 17 MR. MORAN: I have not gotten to my impeachment yet.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran, do you have some
- inconsistent statements here coming up?
- 20 MR. MORAN: The next question is --
- 21 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. I will let it go for
- 22 this round.
- 23 MR. MORAN: I am just trying to establish some foundation
- 24 so that people understand the background for these questions.

- THE WITNESS: Do I --
- 2 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: There is a question pending,
- 3 ma'am.
- 4 THE WITNESS: I am sorry.
- 5 MR. MORAN: Were you asked those questions and did you give
- 6 those answers?
- 7 THE WITNESS: If it says that, then I did.

- 8 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Now, Ms. Andria, were you asked the
- 9 following question and did you give the following answer:
- 10 "Question: Had you talked or met with Karen Manso prior to
- 11 this phone call? In other words, did you know who she was prior
- 12 to the time that you called her and requested a copy of the
- 13 application?
- 14 Answer: I don't believe so.
- 15 Question: What did you say to her and what did she say to
- 16 you in this conversation?
- 17 Answer: I don't remember. I really don't remember."
- Did you give those answers to those questions?
- 19 A. If it says so, then that's what I gave.
- 20 O. Now, Ms. Andria, you testified in addition that you
- 21 couldn't see the siting application at the public hearing; is
- 22 that correct?
- 23 A. That's correct, yes.
- 24 Q. And yet you testified this morning that you obtained a

- 1 copy of at least portions of the application from Waste
- 2 Management of Illinois; is that correct?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. You obtained that copy of the application two weeks
- 5 before the scheduled date of the hearing; is that correct?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. And I believe you said that you obtained the application

- 8 from Waste Management after the application -- after that offer
- 9 was made to you by Joe Durako at Waste Management; is that
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. Now, Mr. Durako offered to make a copy of the entire
- 13 application for you?
- 14 A. He gave us access to the application and said we could
- 15 use the copy machine.
- 16 Q. So Mr. Durako made the entire application available for
- 17 you to review on March 3rd; is that correct?
- 18 A. I cannot say that it was the entire application. I know
- 19 for sure that it was not because our copy of the host agreement,
- 20 which we tried to get it earlier, did not have exhibits to it.
- 21 And I assumed that the exhibits are part of the official public
- 22 record. So, no, the entire application was not available to us.
- 23 I do not know what other things were missing.
- Q. What did Mr. Durako make available to you? Would you

- 1 describe it for us?
- 2 A. There were two bound volumes, two notebooks, not bound,
- 3 like loose leaf.
- 4 Q. In a three-ring binder?
- 5 A. In a three-ring binder.
- 6 Q. Two volumes, correct?

- 7 A. Two volumes.
- 8 Q. Did you request copies to be made of the entire contents
- 9 of those two three-ring binders?
- 10 A. Did we request copies to be made from Waste Management?
- 11 Q. Yes.
- 12 A. He -- I just -- no, we didn't. He said we could make
- 13 copies.
- 14 Q. So you made your own copies; is that correct?
- 15 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 16 Q. You elected not to make copies of each of the pages that
- 17 was contained in those two volumes; is that correct?
- 18 A. Would you -- I don't understand your question.
- 19 O. In other words, when you were at Waste Management --
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. -- and when you decided to make copies of the
- 22 application, it was your decision to only copy certain portions
- 23 of those two volumes that were made available to you; is that
- 24 right?

- 1 A. We copied everything we could that fit on the copy
- 2 machine.
- 3 Q. Were there documents within those two volumes that did
- 4 not fit within that copy machine?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. And those were the exhibits which were folded up and

- 7 contained within those two volumes; is that correct?
- 8 A. I don't know all of what was there. I do know that the
- 9 exhibits that were referred to in the host agreement would have
- 10 been the same size paper as the other things, so they just were
- 11 not included.
- 12 Q. And did you look for those documents in the application?
- 13 A. Did I look for those documents?
- 14 Q. Yes.
- 15 A. No, at that time I did not know they were missing. We
- 16 had a very short time that we were trying to get it copied. We
- 17 didn't want the offer to be withdrawn.
- 18 Q. When did you first learn of Waste Management of
- 19 Illinois' willingness to allow you to copy and review the siting
- 20 application?
- 21 A. I don't remember the date.
- 22 Q. Had you made any inquiries of Waste Management of
- 23 Illinois in an effort to determine whether you could review or
- 24 obtain a copy of the siting application from it prior to the time

- 1 you went in?
- 2 A. No, sir.
- 3 Q. Did you have an opportunity to review any of the reports
- 4 on the statutory criteria that were contained within the copy of
- 5 the siting application that you obtained from Waste Management of

- 6 Illinois?
- 7 A. Did I have an opportunity to review the reports?
- 8 Q. Yes.
- 9 A. Yes, I had an opportunity to review what was there in
- 10 the binder that we were offered.
- 11 Q. And you reviewed those reports prior to the date of the
- 12 hearing; is that correct?
- 13 A. That's not correct. I did not have time to review all
- 14 of them.
- 15 Q. Did you review any of them before the hearing?
- 16 A. Yes, I did.
- 17 Q. Do you have any recollection as to which ones you
- 18 reviewed?
- 19 A. I looked at the floodplain report. That was rather easy
- 20 to do. It was one page. I looked at the incompatibility
- 21 criteria. Is that two or three? The -- I didn't spend a lot of
- 22 time on need. I looked briefly at the traffic report. My mind
- 23 is not going to everything. I don't remember seeing the landfill
- 24 capacity. I remember looking to see what Marissa -- how Marissa

- 1 was referred to in need. So I tried to look at things in the --
- 2 so, review, I don't know what review and peruse -- I don't know
- 3 what review technically means to you.
- 4 Q. Do you have any understanding as to what the word review
- 5 means?

- 6 A. I don't know. I looked at the things. I attempted to
- 7 find out more information about what I had time to find out more
- 8 information about. I did not have time to review in any depth
- 9 and to get expert testimony or to get someone else to look at and
- 10 give me advice as to whether this was appropriate, whether this
- 11 was -- I am not a technical person, so I did not know what kind
- 12 of -- I didn't have time to do it, no. So I don't know what you
- 13 meant by review.
- 14 Q. You did have an opportunity to read certain portions of
- 15 the reports in the siting application relating to the statutory
- 16 criteria; is that correct?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. You had an opportunity to do that two weeks prior to the
- 19 public hearing; is that correct?
- 20 A. I had an opportunity to do it within those two weeks. I
- 21 did not have an opportunity at that time. There were other
- 22 things that we were working on.
- Q. Now, as you have previously testified, you were
- 24 generally familiar with the siting process before the siting

- 1 application here was ever filed; isn't that correct?
- 2 A. Somewhat.
- 3 Q. And you reviewed the state statute that describes this
- 4 siting process; is that correct?

- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And you were aware that within that statute there are
- 7 time frames within which a hearing is to be scheduled based upon
- 8 the date that the siting application is filed; isn't that
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. I am aware that it is there. That doesn't mean that I
- 11 know in a working way what they are. I mean, I would be able to
- 12 look it up, yes.
- 13 Q. Well, isn't it true that the state law that provides for
- 14 the siting hearings provides that a public hearing by the local
- 15 decision maker is to be scheduled between 90 and 120 days from
- 16 the date that the application is filed; is that correct?
- 17 A. I believe that's correct.
- 18 Q. And with the application being filed here on November
- 19 19th of 1999, it would be not too difficult to determine the time
- 20 period within which a public hearing must occur, based upon that
- 21 filed application; isn't that right?
- 22 MS. HOMEYER: I am going to object to the form of the
- 23 question.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: How so? What particular form are

- 1 you objecting to?
- 2 MS. HOMEYER: It wouldn't be difficult to do so, I don't
- 3 think that's a proper question, to ask her what she thinks would
- 4 be difficult to do. I think it is argumentative.

- 5 MR. MORAN: I will --
- 6 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Sustained.
- 7 MR. MORAN: -- rephrase it.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Can you rephrase it?
- 9 MR. MORAN: Sure.
- 10 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Ms. Andria, are you able to determine,
- 11 based upon the language contained in the Environmental Protection
- 12 Act, that provides for a public hearing 90 to 120 days after the
- 13 application is filed, when the application in this case would
- 14 have provided for a public hearing to be scheduled?
- 15 A. I guess I lost the first part of your question, but I
- 16 will try to answer. I am aware that there is a rule about when
- 17 something is filed that you file it -- that your intent to file
- 18 and that you file. But I have not been dealing with siting
- 19 criteria. I wouldn't know how many days when something is to be
- 20 filed. I would assume that that is what the attorneys and the
- 21 company would do, and that they would file it within the proper
- 22 time, and that the public notice would be filed. I was not
- 23 counting days. I was not aware. I just knew that it was getting
- 24 close and at some point there would be a public hearing. No, I

- 1 was not -- I was not cognizant of the time and I certainly hadn't
- 2 looked at any calendar to see.
- 3 Q. So notwithstanding the interest that you had in this

- 4 siting application, you did not make any determination, based
- 5 upon the provisions of state law that call for a public hearing,
- 6 you made no determination as to the 90 to 120 day window within
- 7 which the public hearing would be scheduled in this case; is that
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. At which point in time?
- 10 Q. At any point in time for this application?
- 11 A. No, that is not correct.
- 12 Q. When did you make that determination?
- 13 A. During the -- at some point in -- maybe after the third
- 14 public notice. I didn't know how far along it was going to go.
- 15 And I did determine that the last day that it could be was the
- 16 day that it was held.
- 17 Q. And do you recall when you made that determination?
- 18 A. No, I don't.
- 19 Q. It was sometime in March of 2000 that you made that
- 20 determination?
- 21 A. I believe so.
- 22 Q. Now, I think you said a few moments ago that you have
- 23 read or you did read certain reports contained in the application
- 24 relating to certain of the statutory criteria, correct?

- 1 A. That's correct.
- Q. Did your review of any portions of the siting
- 3 applications allow you to prepare in any way to present evidence

- 4 at the public hearing?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. With respect to what matters were you enabled to prepare
- 7 or organize evidence to be presented on statutory criteria at the
- 8 public hearing?
- 9 A. I obtained a map that showed that the landfill was in
- 10 the floodplain.
- 11 Q. Were there any other reviews that you undertook of the
- 12 siting application that permitted you to prepare to present
- 13 evidence at the siting hearing?
- 14 A. I think I looked at groundwater considerations. I
- 15 looked at the map. I tried to figure out where -- what was
- 16 happening. I tried to get -- I also looked at some of the things
- 17 that were going to happen with the landfill in terms of the
- 18 canal. I looked at various things. I got some of the
- 19 compatibility things. I talked to people who complained about
- 20 the smell.
- I think I tried to elicit testimony from the race track,
- 22 only that I learned that the race track had a contract with Waste
- 23 Management on parking, so that there would be -- they use -- the
- 24 race track used the landfill for parking so that they were not

- 1 going to be testifying. I think I tried to get someone from
- 2 IHPA, the Illinois Historic Preservation Association with the

- 3 Mounds.
- 4 I made more of an attempt to learn exactly how high this
- 5 was going to be because it had been purported at various reports
- 6 it was going to be as tall as the Arch. I made attempts to make
- 7 sure that we knew precisely what was going to be there and
- 8 what -- and to try to determine what our stance was on it, how
- 9 much we were going to oppose it, what parts of it we thought
- 10 were -- should be opposed. Yes.
- 11 Q. Is it accurate to say that you were able to prepare your
- 12 case to oppose the siting application on criterion four?
- 13 A. That I was able to prepare my case for it?
- 14 Q. Yes, to respond to the applicant's --
- 15 A. Mr. Moran, the --
- 16 Q. -- application that related to criterion four?
- 17 A. No, that is not correct. The applicant's application
- 18 stated -- it had one sentence, I think, or two, that said it is
- 19 not in the floodplain. And everything that I saw said that it
- 20 is. So I don't think that it is accurate to say I could prepare
- 21 a response to something that says this is not true, contrary to
- 22 everything around me that says that it is true.
- 23 Q. So are you saying that your review of the application
- 24 did not allow you to prepare a case or to present evidence with

- 1 respect to the floodplain criteria?
- 2 A. My review of the application did not -- no, it allowed

- 3 me to prepare something.
- 4 Q. That was my question. So you were in a position to
- 5 prepare a case or present evidence with respect to the floodplain
- 6 criteria; isn't that correct?
- 7 A. Well, present evidence -- I mean, I presented evidence
- 8 that was the floodplain map, and it was not chosen to be
- 9 admitted. I thought that was pretty powerful evidence. It was a
- 10 very -- I mean, it was not a complete report. I did the best I
- 11 could in the time I had. It was a very short time that I had to
- 12 prepare, but I thought that I had the evidence to show that it
- 13 was in the landfill, yes. I mean, in the floodplain.
- 14 Q. Was there anything in the application that you did not
- 15 have an opportunity to review prior to the public hearing that
- 16 would have allowed you or enabled you to present evidence on the
- 17 floodplain criteria?
- 18 A. Would you repeat that? I am sorry.
- 19 MR. MORAN: Could you read it back, please.
- 20 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read
- 21 back by the Reporter.)
- 22 THE WITNESS: Anything that I was not allowed to review, is
- 23 that what you said?
- 24 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Yes. Was there anything in the

- 2 didn't know prior to the date of the public hearing that would
- 3 have given you an ability to better prepare a case on the
- 4 floodplain criteria?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. What was there in the application that would have
- 7 enabled you to do that?
- 8 A. Had I had the application that said that the landfill is
- 9 not in the floodplain in enough time to FOIA the documents in
- 10 from the IEPA and to present them to Mr. Connor when he
- 11 testified, then I would have had a lot of evidence to show
- 12 that -- and to contradict him with his own handwritten documents
- 13 that were in the files at the IEPA that said that Milam is in the
- 14 floodplain. There were many, many documents prepared by his
- 15 engineering firm that said that Milam is in the floodplain. So,
- 16 yes, I would have loved to have the opportunity to get those and
- 17 to cross-examine Mr. -- or examine, whatever I did, Mr. Connor at
- 18 the public hearing, you bet.
- 19 Q. Were these documents contained in the siting
- 20 application?
- 21 A. No, they were not.
- 22 Q. That was my question. We go back to my question again.
- 23 What portions of the application that you did not review prior to
- 24 the public hearing would have enabled you to have prepared a case

- 2 A. If there were any other documents other than Mr.
- 3 Connor's one-page statement that it is not in the floodplain, Mr.
- 4 Connor's resume, Mr. Connor's affidavit stating that what he said
- 5 was true and the front page of your application that just stated
- 6 criterion four, a landfill shall not be located in the 100-year
- 7 floodplain, I was not aware that there were any other documents.
- 8 Q. So there were no other documents contained in this
- 9 siting application that would have enabled you to better prepare
- 10 an evidence or a case on criterion four; is that correct?
- 11 A. That's not correct. I said if there were any other
- 12 documents, other than those four pages, I am not aware of them.
- 13 So I do not know what was in the siting application. I was not
- 14 allowed to look at it at the public hearing and I did not see it
- 15 at the Village Hall.
- 16 Q. And to this day are you saying that you are still
- 17 unaware of the contents, the entire contents of the siting
- 18 application?
- 19 A. I have not seen the contents -- the entire contents of
- 20 the siting application.
- 21 Q. To this date you still have not seen the entire contents
- 22 of the siting application; is that correct?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 Q. Are you aware of whether there were any other documents

- 1 that are contained in the siting application but that you did not
- 2 review prior to the public hearing that would have given you the
- 3 opportunity to present other evidence or a better case on
- 4 criterion one, the need criteria?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. What documents which are in the siting application that
- 7 you --
- 8 A. Oh, which are in the --
- 9 Q. -- did not have an opportunity to review prior to the
- 10 public hearing would have given you an opportunity to present or
- 11 prepare a better case on criterion one?
- 12 A. The entire need, the documents on need, and the
- 13 availability of landfill capacity, and the need for the expansion
- 14 would have been very important for me to review because I know
- 15 that there are documents, and this is relating to the landfill
- 16 siting that you referred to before in National City, in which
- 17 Waste Management then contended that no other landfill was
- 18 needed, that they had plenty of room to put all of the -- to take
- 19 care of the capacity needs of the area. And then Marissa. I
- 20 would have loved to have gotten information on Marissa, a whole
- 21 new landfill that is --
- MR. MORAN: Mr. Hearing Officer.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Yes.
- 24 MR. MORAN: I would request that you, to the extent you

- 1 can, instruct the witness to answer the question. And the
- 2 question here was what documents that are in this siting
- 3 application that you did not review prior to the public hearing
- 4 would have given you an opportunity to better prepare or present
- 5 evidence on criterion one.
- 6 I would ask that you request or instruct the witness to
- 7 answer this question and not to go off on tangents. Because,
- 8 frankly, we have heard some information here about another siting
- 9 hearing that I am now going to have to follow-up on in terms of
- 10 cross because she has misspoken on it. I don't want to have to
- 11 do that again. If we can stay to the question, we can avoid a
- 12 lot of this.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Needs? Okay. I am sorry.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: We have to see if Ms. Homeyer has
- 15 something to say about this.
- 16 THE WITNESS: I am sorry.
- 17 MS. HOMEYER: No.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I don't think the witness is
- 19 intentionally not answering the question.
- 20 To the extent you are capable, do try to focus on what his
- 21 question is and respond to that question.
- THE WITNESS: Okay. Need? All of the documents on need?
- 23 I would like the incompatibility, criterion two, real estate,
- 24 impact, traffic, safety, public health and safety.

- 1 Q. (By Mr. Moran) So is it accurate to say that you saw
- 2 none of the documents contained in the siting application
- 3 regarding need?
- 4 A. That's not accurate to say that I saw none of the
- 5 documents. It is accurate to say I did not review them. I did
- 6 not have time to review them.
- 7 Q. And so when you say that you did not review the portion
- 8 of the siting application relating to need, what you are saying
- 9 is that you did not review it because you didn't have time to
- 10 review it before the public hearing; is that correct?
- 11 A. I am saying that time was a factor because we got the
- 12 application very late, very close to the public hearing. And I
- 13 was very sure of the floodplain issue. I pursued that. The need
- 14 issue was bigger. Mr. Norman was looking into need. There was
- 15 just a lot to do. I mean, I am sure it took Waste Management a
- 16 very long time to put this together and we didn't have very much
- 17 time to look into it and assess it.
- 18 Q. Well, you didn't have more than two weeks' time because
- 19 you didn't obtain a copy of the application before March 3rd;
- 20 isn't that correct?
- 21 A. I didn't have very much time because of that, yes,
- 22 that's one thing, yes.
- 23 Q. And at no point prior to March 3rd had you requested
- 24 that Waste Management of Illinois provide you a copy of the

- 1 application, did you?
- 2 A. It has never been my experience that you go to someone
- 3 who you might potentially object to something and that they --
- 4 and ask them to give that to you. It should have been available
- 5 to me as a citizen asking the Village.
- 6 Q. You did go and ask the Village, didn't you, for a copy
- 7 of the siting application?
- 8 A. I did.
- 9 Q. You did that in early December?
- 10 A. I --
- 11 Q. Correct?
- 12 A. I asked the Village for a copy of the siting
- 13 application.
- 14 Q. That was the only time you asked the Village for a copy
- of the siting application, isn't it?
- 16 A. Yes, it is.
- 17 Q. Between March 1st -- I am sorry -- January 1st of 2000
- 18 and the public hearing, you visited or went to the Village one
- 19 time; isn't that correct?
- A. Between what?
- 21 Q. January 1 of 2000 and March 17th of 2000?
- 22 A. That's not correct.
- Q. How many times did you go?
- 24 A. I do not know.

- 1 Q. Did you go more than once?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And the purpose for your visiting the Village between
- 4 January 1st of 2000 and the public hearing date was what?
- 5 A. Sometimes I went to see if there was a public hearing
- 6 notice on the bulletin board.
- 7 Q. I am talking about this one time that you can remember
- 8 going to the Village between January 1 and the public hearing,
- 9 what did you go there for?
- 10 A. Which one time are you talking? I didn't say there was
- 11 only one time, sir.
- 12 Q. The one time you can recall or can you?
- 13 A. I recall more than one time.
- 14 Q. How many times do you recall?
- 15 A. I remember the one time that I was there that the chief
- 16 was there at the door. I remember another time -- are we talking
- 17 just about the application, or are we talking about at any time?
- 18 Q. I am talking about the period between January 1st of
- 19 2000, and the public hearing date, March 17th. How many times
- 20 did you visit the Village for any purpose?
- 21 A. I went on March 13th, which was the original date of the
- 22 Monday, on that day. I went another time to check on something
- 23 else. I can't remember. And then I went once and perhaps twice
- 24 to see Karen Manso to try to look at the application.

- 1 Q. When did you go to try to see the application?
- 2 A. I do not remember that, sir.
- 3 Q. You can't remember if it was before or after the public
- 4 hearing?
- 5 A. I am sorry?
- 6 Q. Can you remember if it was before or after the public
- 7 hearing?
- 8 A. Oh, it was before it. To see the application, it was
- 9 definitely before it.
- 10 Q. Those other two occasions when you went to the Village
- 11 to see Karen Manso, who did you talk to?
- 12 A. I went to the little glass cage, the window, as you come
- 13 into the Village Hall. Whoever was behind the --
- 14 Q. Did you request a copy of the application from that
- 15 individual?
- 16 A. No, I did not.
- 17 Q. On either occasion you did not request a copy from
- 18 either individual, did you?
- 19 A. I was already told it was \$660.00.
- 20 Q. And you have already testified that you could not afford
- 21 \$600.00; is that correct?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- Q. Did you make any inquiries of the East St. Louis
- 24 Community Action Network as to whether they could afford to pay

- 1 the cost of an application?
- 2 A. I -- we laughed about it. We didn't have that money in
- 3 our budget, no.
- 4 Q. And did you make any inquiries of the American Bottom
- 5 Conservancy as to whether it would have any monies available for
- 6 the payment of the cost to copy the application?
- 7 A. We talked about it, and we didn't have any money at all.
- 8 Q. And Mr. Norman was not able to contribute any monies to
- 9 obtain a copy of the application?
- 10 A. You will have to ask Mr. Norman.
- 11 Q. You were unable to pay any monies to obtain a copy of
- 12 the application, correct?
- 13 A. Absolutely.
- 14 Q. And that was the reason that you did not obtain a copy
- 15 of the application from the Village, is that collectively you
- 16 could not afford to pay for the cost of a copy as it was quoted
- 17 to you by the Village; is that correct?
- 18 A. Well, it was a ridiculously high amount when it could
- 19 have been gotten for two cents a page. We didn't have the money
- 20 and it was a ridiculous request, unfair.
- 21 Q. Did you make any attempt to talk with anyone at the
- 22 Village about the quoted cost of obtaining the siting
- 23 application?
- 24 A. I talked to Karen Manso on the phone about it.

- 1 Q. And when did you do that?
- 2 A. When she quoted --
- 3 MS. HOMEYER: I am going to object. The letter of December
- 4 15th, 1999, has been admitted into evidence. I think this is
- 5 about the fifth time that Mr. Moran has asked her for the date of
- 6 the conversation with Karen Manso. I am going to request that
- 7 the witness be allowed to see Exhibit 10, which is the letter
- 8 from Ms. Andria to Ms. Manso confirming a telephone conversation
- 9 on that date so that the witness has access to the information as
- 10 to the exact date. It is in the record. I request that the
- 11 witness be allowed to see Exhibit Number 10.
- 12 MR. MORAN: Maybe we can just clarify all of this. This is
- 13 not the conversation that I am asking about. I will withdraw
- 14 that last question or at least let me rephrase it.
- 15 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Other than this first conversation that
- 16 you had with Karen Manso sometime in December of 1999, after you
- 17 learned what was contained in the letter that quoted the 600-odd
- 18 dollar cost of obtaining a copy of the siting application, did
- 19 you approach anyone at the Village to discuss the quoted costs of
- 20 the siting application?
- 21 A. After the letter? After I received the letter did I?
- 22 Q. Yes.
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. If you believed that this cost for the siting

- 1 application was exorbitant or excessive or you couldn't afford to
- 2 pay it, why didn't you go to the Village and discuss the issue
- 3 with a Village official?
- 4 MS. HOMEYER: I am going to object that the question is
- 5 argumentative. The witness has testified that the City had been
- 6 unresponsive to her questions. I think the form of the question
- 7 is argumentative and it assumes that she had some duty to persist
- 8 and persist and persist beyond the letter that was given to her
- 9 by a Village official on December 15th, 1999, stating that the
- 10 costs would be in excess of \$600.00. There is nothing in that
- 11 letter that indicated that this amount was negotiable. I am
- 12 going to object to the form of the question. It is
- 13 argumentative.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran, any response?
- MR. MORAN: Yes. The question is merely attempting to
- 16 elicit why a person who is interested in a siting application,
- 17 who is obviously experienced in these kinds of matters, and who
- 18 believes this cost was somehow out of line would not have
- 19 approached someone at the Village if obtaining a copy of the
- 20 application was important and determine whether, in fact, that
- 21 was the correct amount and if something could not be resolved so
- 22 that she could get a copy of the application.
- 23 It is relevant to her claim of somehow being victimized or
- 24 prejudiced by not having a copy of the application well in

- 1 advance of this hearing. She said the only reason she did not
- 2 get it is because it cost too much. I want to find out if she
- 3 took any steps to try to obtain it after being told about what
- 4 was presumably an exorbitant amount.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I have an answer.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: You can't answer until I decide.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: I will withdraw my objection.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: The objection is overruled. I
- 10 think the question is designed to elicit a fact that is
- 11 potentially relevant or would be relevant.
- 12 So, ma'am, do you need the question read back?
- 13 THE WITNESS: No. I mean, I know what he is asking in
- 14 general. In the second conversation that I had with Ms. Manso I
- 15 offered to take myself -- to ask her if I could take the
- 16 application to Office Max to copy it and she said no. That was
- 17 my attempt to try to save money.
- 18 Q. (By Mr. Moran) When was this second conversation with
- 19 Ms. Manso?
- 20 A. The second conversation was after she talked to the
- 21 chief and came back with the amount of \$660.00. The first
- 22 conversation was -- I don't know if it was one day, two days, I
- 23 don't know how many between. But it was the letter -- it was the
- 24 phone conversation that we had immediately preceding her writing

- 1 the December 15th letter, which I asked her to put this in
- 2 writing. Yes, I did try to get it for a much cheaper amount of
- 3 money.
- 4 Q. Is your testimony that the second conversation with Ms.
- 5 Manso was prior to the date that she wrote you Petitioner's
- 6 Exhibit 10?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. All right. Were there any other conversations that you
- 9 had with Ms. Manso prior to the date that she wrote you
- 10 Petitioner's Exhibit 10?
- 11 A. The first one when I called her. The second one when
- 12 I -- I mean, when I called her to get a copy. The second one
- 13 when I talked to her about -- after she had talked with the
- 14 chief, and that's the time that I asked her to put it in writing.
- 15 And then that was -- that followed -- that letter followed from
- 16 that.
- 17 Q. In the second conversation you told her or said to her
- 18 that you could take it to another copying service to have it
- 19 copied at a much reduced rate?
- 20 A. I asked her if I could take it myself to -- because we
- 21 had -- when she first told me how much it was going to be, I
- 22 said, well, it was only like two cents a page at Office Max. And
- 23 so when she told me the amount, I said, can I not come and get a
- 24 copy of the application and take it myself to Office Max to make

- 1 a copy.
- Q. And her response was that you couldn't do that?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. Did she include that response anywhere in her letter,
- 5 Petitioner Exhibit Number 10?
- 6 A. I don't believe so.
- 7 Q. When you realized that the cost was too much -- and just
- 8 so that we are clear, after this letter, after this December 15th
- 9 letter, Petitioner's Exhibit Number 10, did you have any
- 10 discussions with anyone at the Village about the high cost of
- 11 this application?
- 12 A. I don't believe so. Only until the public hearing.
- 13 Q. So up until the public hearing you had no discussions
- 14 with anyone at the Village after December 15th about the cost of
- 15 copying the application?
- 16 A. That's my memory.
- 17 Q. Based on the fact that the cost of copying the
- 18 application was too high, did you make any attempt to go back to
- 19 the Village to view the application?
- 20 A. Yes, I did.
- 21 Q. You did that twice?
- 22 A. I did it once. I think twice.
- 23 Q. But you don't remember when those dates were?

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- 1 You don't remember who you talked to when you went? Q.
- Α. I talked to whoever was behind the window.
- 3 Okay. On both occasions you asked for Karen Manso? Q.
- 4 Α. That's correct.
- 5 Ο. On both occasions she was not there?
- 6 Α. That's correct.
- Q. On both occasions you went away, correct?
- 8 That's correct. Α.
- Without looking at the application? 9 Q.
- 10 Α. That's correct.
- 11 Q. And other than those two efforts, were there any other
- 12 efforts you made to view the application prior to the hearing?
- 13 No. No, that is not true. The one at Village Hall are Α.
- 14 you saying.
- 15 Ο. Yes.
- 16 I mean, we did go to Waste Management's office. Α.
- 17 Ο. I am just talking about the Village Hall.
- 18 Okay. No, there are no other. Α.
- HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran, when you get to a good 19
- 20 stopping point let me know. I want to take a little break.
- MR. MORAN: Okay. 21
- Q. (By Mr. Moran) Ms. Andria, your best recollection now is 22
- 23 that you went to the Village twice to view the application; is

- 1 A. I said I know for sure once and I think twice.
- 2 Q. Now, when you say you think, are you just speculating or
- 3 guessing or are you telling us that your recollection is that you
- 4 went twice?
- 5 A. My recollection is that I know I went once. I think I
- 6 went twice. That is as good as I can do, Mr. Moran.
- 7 MR. MORAN: On page 53 of the deposition transcript, line
- 8 10.
- 9 MS. HOMEYER: Thank you.
- 10 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Ms. Andria, do you remember at your
- 11 deposition on August 8 of this year being asked the following
- 12 question and giving the following answer:
- 13 "Question: Is it accurate to say that this is the only
- 14 time that you were going to the Village for the sole purpose of
- 15 reviewing the application prior to the public hearing?
- 16 Answer: The only time that I remember going. I called. I
- 17 had called other times."
- 18 Is that the answer you gave to that question?
- 19 A. I don't know. I don't even know what it means.
- 20 Q. You don't know what the question and the answer means?
- 21 A. No. The answer didn't seem that I could relate to. I
- 22 didn't understand what the question and the answer meant. I

- 23 could read more context.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Not too much context, Mr. Moran.

- 1 MR. MORAN: If I could just have a moment, I will try to
- 2 condense this context.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Would a couple of minutes be
- 4 helpful?
- 5 MR. MORAN: If I could maybe just go through some of these
- 6 questions to give her a context. I can't do it with two or three
- 7 questions. Starting on page 49.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I need a break. I am sorry. I do. I am
- 9 sorry.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. We can --
- 11 MR. MORAN: Can I just finish this and then we can take a
- 12 break?
- 13 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: About how long, Mr. Moran?
- 14 MR. MORAN: Well, it will be a few questions, but I think
- 15 we can set the stage for this last question.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Let's go through until about
- 17 3:30. Can you make it for another five minutes?
- 18 THE WITNESS: I will try.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: If you can't, I don't want any
- 20 medical problems going on here or anything like that. I am with
- 21 you.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Two Cokes was not a good idea.

- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Let's do what we can. If you
- 24 have to, give me the high sign and we will get you out of here.

- 1 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 2 MR. MORAN: At page 49, line 18.
- 3 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Ms. Andria, do you remember being asked
- 4 this question and giving this answer:
- 5 "Question: When did you go look at the siting application?
- 6 Answer: I said to you before, and my memory isn't any
- 7 better now than it was a couple of minutes ago, I do not
- 8 remember. I am sorry.
- 9 Question: Was it before the public hearing?
- 10 Answer: Yes.
- 11 Question: How much before the public hearing,
- 12 approximately, was that?
- Answer: It was probably early in the cycle but I don't
- 14 know.
- 15 Question: Whom at the Village did you talk to regarding
- 16 this visit when you attempted to view the siting application?
- 17 Answer: The woman behind the glass cage."
- 18 Were you asked those questions and did you give those
- 19 answers?
- 20 A. It sounds like the ones we just had.
- 21 Q. So did you give those answers to those questions?

- 22 A. Yes, if you are reading from it.
- 23 Q. Were you asked these questions and did you give these
- 24 answers? This is on page 50, line 14.

- 1 "Question: Do you recall anyone at the Village telling you
- 2 on this occasion that they would not be able to make the siting
- 3 application available for your review?
- 4 Answer: It is my memory that the person behind the desk,
- 5 and at that point I really didn't remember if it was the same
- 6 person that I came to see more often when I went later, but I was
- 7 told that -- and I think they said Karen is not here now. That's
- 8 all I remember. So I don't know. I can't be any surer because
- 9 at that point I was just trying to look at it to see it. And I
- 10 knew I was not going to be able to afford to get a copy."
- 11 Did you give those answers to those questions?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did you give these answers to the following questions:
- 14 "Question: Is it your testimony that on this visit --
- MS. HOMEYER: What page?
- MR. MORAN: It is on page 51, line 2.
- 17 Q. (By Mr. Moran) The following question and answer:
- 18 "Question: Is it your testimony that on this visit you did
- 19 not see or review any part of the siting application?
- 20 Answer: I don't remember seeing any part of it."
- 21 Did you give that answer to that question?

- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Then on page 51, line 23:
- 24 "Question: Did you ask this person for the opportunity to

- 1 review the application even though Karen was not present at that
- 2 time?"
- 3 A. I missed that. I am sorry.
- 4 Q. I will repeat it:
- 5 "Question: Did you ask this person for the opportunity to
- 6 review the application even though Karen was not present at that
- 7 time?"
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: I am going to object because this question
- 9 has not been posed to the witness today. He is reading this as
- 10 if it is somehow inconsistent with her testimony. I don't see
- 11 that anything he is saying is inconsistent with her testimony.
- 12 And I think that impeachment is you have to -- my objection is to
- 13 the form of the way that he is trying to impeach her.
- 14 If he is going to impeach her, he has to ask her a question
- 15 and get an answer and then find a deposition question where he
- 16 asked her the same question and got a different answer. What he
- 17 is doing right now is messing up the record. I am going to
- 18 object to any further attempts to impeach which are not proper
- 19 impeachment.
- 20 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?

- 21 MR. MORAN: The response is that the reason I am going
- 22 through this is because the witness didn't understand what I
- 23 thought was a pretty straightforward impeaching question that I
- 24 asked about five minutes ago regarding how many times that she

- 1 had gone to the Village to view the application. She didn't
- 2 understand the context. We are trying to provide that context
- 3 here.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am going to overrule just in
- 5 light of the circumstances. I think that the initial question
- 6 that was asked was, as you put it, a properly formed impeaching
- 7 question, and we are going back and doing context because the
- 8 witness didn't -- well, she requested context.
- 9 MS. HOMEYER: Well, I think the context has really gotten
- 10 stretched to the point of --
- 11 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: How many more context questions
- 12 do we have?
- MR. MORAN: A few more.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I am sorry. I do need a break. It is 3:30.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. Let's take a five
- 16 minute break.
- 17 Mr. Moran, try to streamline this in the interim and we
- 18 will move on when we get back.
- 19 MR. MORAN: All right.
- 20 (Whereupon a short recess was taken.)

- 21 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: We are now back on the record. I
- 22 have been thinking off the record about Ms. Homeyer's motion, and
- 23 I think at least I agreed with the sentiment that I don't want to
- 24 read a lot of stuff in from the deposition transcript if it is

- 1 not necessary.
- So in that regard, let's try again with the initial
- 3 question, Mr. Moran.
- 4 If you still don't understand the question and you need
- 5 more context then we can revisit the issue. Let's see if Mr.
- 6 Moran has given us enough background.
- 7 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Ms. Andria, were you asked this question
- 8 and did you give this answer at your deposition, which was
- 9 conducted on August 8th of 2000? This is page 53, line 10.
- 10 "Question: Is it accurate to say that this is the only
- 11 time that you were going to the Village for the sole purpose of
- 12 reviewing the application prior to the public hearing.
- 13 Answer: The only time that I remember going. I called. I
- 14 had called other times."
- Did you give that answer to that question?
- 16 A. I still don't understand the answer. I understand the
- 17 question. I don't understand the answer.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: But what about do you remember
- 19 giving the answer, though? I don't think he is asking right now

- 20 if you understand what you said back in August of whatever that
- 21 date was. Do you recall that that's the question and answer that
- 22 was asked of you at that time.
- 23 THE WITNESS: Could I read it? Maybe it would make more
- 24 sense to me. I am sorry.

- 1 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: No, we don't want to answer
- 2 things or say that you understand it if you don't understand
- 3 them. We want to get the best testimony that we can.
- 4 (Mr. Moran passed the deposition transcript to the
- 5 witness.)
- 6 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Let's just let the record reflect
- 7 that the witness is reading from the deposition transcript,
- 8 handed to her by Mr. Moran.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes. Okay.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Can you ask the question one last
- 11 time, Mr. Moran? Or was that the response to his question?
- 12 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Did you give that answer to this
- 13 question?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Ms. Andria, when you went to Waste Management to copy
- 16 the application, where did you view the application? Where in
- 17 their offices did you do it?
- 18 A. There was a little empty office.
- 19 Q. You were given an empty office to go to?

- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Was anybody with you there when you reviewed the
- 22 application?
- 23 A. We didn't review it. We took it and copied it.
- Q. When you say "we" who are you referring to?

- 1 A. Ms. O'Keefe, Kathleen O'Keefe.
- 2 Q. She accompanied you to Waste Management of Illinois?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And the two of you were in this room at the landfill
- 5 making copies of this application?
- 6 A. Well, we were in the room and I would go out to the copy
- 7 machine and make copies.
- 8 Q. Who decided what you were going to copy?
- 9 A. We were trying to copy everything that we could that
- 10 would fit on the copy machine.
- 11 Q. And you did copy everything that you attempted to copy
- 12 while you were there?
- 13 A. I think so.
- 14 Q. Was anyone there watching you as you went through the
- 15 application and made copies?
- 16 A. You mean standing over us?
- 17 Q. Yes, standing over you watching you?
- 18 A. No.

- 19 Q. You were given the ability to make whatever copies of
- 20 that application that you wanted; is that correct?
- 21 A. Given the constraints of the copy machine, yes.
- 22 Q. What were the constraints of the copy machine?
- 23 A. Well, there were things that we could not copy. There
- 24 were other documents in the other thing somewhere.

- 1 Q. Those were the oversized documents that you were
- 2 referring to?
- 3 A. Oversized things, yes.
- 4 Q. So when you say oversized, you mean they were exhibits
- 5 that were 11 by 17? Were those the size?
- 6 A. I really don't remember. It was -- the second volume
- 7 was mostly technical things. And we tried to copy some of that.
- 8 We copied some text from it. And then I am not sure, because it
- 9 was a very brief time that we were there, so I couldn't say what
- 10 was there and what was not.
- 11 Q. How did you determine that the copying machine could not
- 12 handle those oversized pages that were in the siting application?
- 13 A. Well, it just seemed like it had a tray that you put it
- 14 in and it copied.
- 15 Q. Did you ask anyone at Waste Management whether that
- 16 copier could accommodate and copy oversized documents?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. So, in fact, as you are sitting here today you don't

- 19 know whether that copying machine could have, in fact,
- 20 photocopied pages from the application that you considered to be
- 21 oversized; isn't that correct?
- 22 A. Well, they told us -- they showed us where the paper
- 23 was. They didn't show us where there was any oversized paper.
- 24 They didn't give any instructions other than they just -- just

- 1 the copy machine.
- Q. Did you ask anyone if there was oversized paper
- 3 available?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Why didn't you do that?
- 6 MS. HOMEYER: Objection. Argumentative.
- 7 MR. MORAN: I am just interested in knowing why she
- 8 wouldn't have taken a step that I guess would have appeared to be
- 9 somewhat clearer.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I will allow the question. Would
- 11 you please answer.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Could I have the question again, please? I
- 13 am sorry. I really don't remember it.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Yes.
- 15 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read
- back by the Reporter.)
- 17 THE WITNESS: Because, frankly, we -- I was -- at least I

- 18 can speak for myself -- so anxious to hurry and get out before
- 19 somebody changed their mind so we could get at least the text. I
- 20 mean, we wanted to take advantage of having the opportunity. I
- 21 had been trying for months to get a copy of the application.
- 22 This was as close as I got. I didn't want anybody to change
- 23 their minds. And we hurried up and we got out of there.
- Q. (By Mr. Moran) Did you have any facts or information to

- 1 suggest that somebody at Waste Management of Illinois might
- 2 change their mind about letting you copy the application?
- 3 A. Did I have any facts?
- 4 Q. Why did you think that?
- 5 A. Well, I didn't know what the situation was. I felt very
- 6 uncomfortable about having to go to the applicant to get a copy
- 7 of the application. It was a very, very uncomfortable feeling.
- 8 Q. But no one at Waste Management of Illinois told you that
- 9 you had to leave the premises at a certain time, did they?
- 10 A. No, they did not.
- 11 Q. No one at Waste Management of Illinois told you that you
- 12 could only copy certain portions of the application; isn't that
- 13 true?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. No one at Waste Management told you that this was only
- 16 part of the application and that there was some other part of the
- 17 application that was not being made available; isn't that true?

- 18 A. And no one told me that this was the complete
- 19 application either.
- 20 Q. Isn't that true that no one at Waste Management told you
- 21 that this was a partial version of the application?
- 22 A. That is correct.
- 23 Q. Did you ask anyone at Waste Management of Illinois if
- 24 this was the entire application that you were being given an

- 1 opportunity to view and copy?
- 2 A. I believe I did.
- Q. What was the response?
- 4 A. I believe he said yes.
- 5 Q. Do you have any facts or information or do you have any
- 6 reason to believe today that the application you saw at Waste
- 7 Management of Illinois' office at Milam was less than a complete
- 8 application?
- 9 A. Yes
- 10 Q. What basis do you have to conclude that today?
- 11 A. When I read the host agreement last night, when I was
- 12 reading over the host agreement, there were exhibits referenced
- 13 that I had not noticed before and they were not included with our
- 14 documents.
- 15 Q. So you made that determination last night?
- 16 A. That's correct.

- 17 Q. And that, by my calculation, is August 21st of 2000?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. Had you reviewed the host community agreement, as you
- 20 have described it, any time prior to the public hearing?
- 21 A. Did I review it prior to the public hearing?
- 22 O. Yes.
- 23 A. Yes, I did.
- 24 Q. And did you notice any references to exhibits in that

- 1 agreement when you reviewed it prior to the hearing?
- 2 A. I didn't.
- 3 Q. You didn't notice it?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Now, is it accurate to say that you brought with you to
- 6 the public hearing the copy of the application that you had made
- 7 at Waste Management?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. There was no part of that copy that you left behind?
- 10 A. The part of the copy that we made at Waste Management?
- 11 Q. Right.
- 12 A. That I left behind, no.
- 13 Q. Okay. You had that copy of the application available to
- 14 you at all times during the course of that public hearing; is
- 15 that correct?
- 16 A. Well, that is -- available to me? It was on a desk.

- Q. Well, you had it with you, correct?
- 18 A. It was there.
- 19 Q. Okay. It was within your control, correct?
- 20 A. It seemed like not a lot was in my control, sir.
- 21 Q. Was a copy of the application within your control that
- 22 day?
- 23 A. It was not in front of me, no.
- 24 Q. So you are saying the copy of the siting application

- 1 that you brought with you was not within your control at the
- 2 public hearing?
- 3 A. In my control? I mean -- no, it was not in my control.
- 4 It was there. I brought it with me. It was there.
- 5 Q. Do you have any information to indicate under whose
- 6 control the copy of the siting application you brought with you
- 7 was?
- 8 A. I think it was just laying on the desk.
- 9 Q. This was the desk at which you were sitting during the
- 10 public hearing?
- 11 A. I didn't sit there a lot.
- 12 Q. Did you sit there at all?
- 13 A. I did.
- Q. Did anybody else sit there?
- 15 A. I think that there was a table, and I think that Mr.

- 16 Norman eventually moved to that table.
- 17 Q. Did Mr. Norman have any control over this copy of the
- 18 siting application?
- 19 A. Mr. Norman has -- I don't know. I mean, he was...
- 20 Q. So you don't know whether he had any control over that
- 21 siting application?
- 22 A. Over my siting application?
- 23 O. Yes.
- 24 A. I don't know what you mean by control.

- 1 Q. Did Mr. Norman have any --
- 2 A. It was right there. It was sitting on the desk.
- 3 Q. So anybody could have gone and looked at it, correct, at
- 4 the public hearing?
- 5 A. I would think so.
- 6 Q. Okay. Now, when you left the --
- 7 A. If they knew it was there.
- 8 Q. When you left the public hearing, did you take it with
- 9 you?
- 10 A. Yes, I did.
- 11 Q. And you have it with you to this day, correct?
- 12 A. Nope.
- 13 Q. You gave the copy of the siting application to someone?
- 14 A. No, but it is not here today.
- 15 Q. I didn't ask you if you have it with you today. I said

- 16 do you still have it within your possession somewhere, someplace?
- 17 A. It is somewhere, yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. Now, you testified earlier that there were
- 19 certain witnesses that you would have presented at the public
- 20 hearing except for the fact that you were so confused over the
- 21 three public notices that were published of that hearing; is that
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. That there were witnesses that I would have called but I
- 24 was confused as to the date? Is that what you are asking me?

- 1 Q. Yes.
- 2 A. Yes, I think I said that.
- 3 Q. I believe you identified a number of different witnesses
- 4 who you would have called but for your confusion about the date
- 5 of the public hearing because of the three notices that were
- 6 published, correct?
- 7 A. I think that the question was phrased slightly
- 8 differently. We were talking about people who had expressed an
- 9 interest in coming and I think that there were some questions of
- 10 people who had wanted to come and I didn't know the time yet. So
- 11 there were a number of people in different categories.
- 12 Q. How many different categories are you referring to for
- 13 these witnesses?
- 14 A. People who said sat at different meetings, call me when

- 15 you know or if -- you know, people at meetings, people at the ESL
- 16 CAN, some people because a notice came in between the cycle of
- 17 meetings. A person who said it was -- he wanted to come to
- 18 testify and when I found out when the public hearing was. People
- 19 who knew that there were different dates and people who had just
- 20 said when you find out let me know.
- 21 Q. Let's focus, for this series of questions, on those
- 22 individuals or witnesses who you would have called as witnesses
- 23 at the public hearing but for the fact that you were confused as
- 24 to the hearing date because of the three published notices, fair

- 1 enough?
- 2 A. Uh-huh.
- 3 Q. You need to say yes or no for the court reporter.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What witnesses, what persons, would you have called to
- 6 testify at the public hearing but for the confusion engendered by
- 7 these three public notices?
- 8 A. Well, first of all, there is -- I want to correct the
- 9 form of the question in that I had not at that point arranged to
- 10 call witnesses. These were people who were going to be coming
- 11 and testifying. I didn't know I was going to be put in a
- 12 position of calling witnesses. So that was -- there were people
- 13 that I had hoped would be there that said that they wanted to be
- 14 there. Mr. Ken Williams, who is with the Cahokia Mound Society,

- 15 was one of those who wanted to be there. But as far as him being
- 16 my witness, that is phrased incorrectly.
- 17 Q. Is it accurate to say, then, that prior to the public
- 18 hearing it was not your intention or plan to call any witnesses
- 19 to present evidence in support of the cases of yourself, the
- 20 American Bottom Conservancy or ESL CAN?
- 21 A. That's not correct.
- 22 Q. What witnesses did you intend to call at the public
- 23 hearing on March 17th but were unable to do so because of your
- 24 confusion about the hearing date based upon the three public

- 1 notices?
- 2 A. The one I talked to -- I mean, I referred to earlier was
- 3 Paul Osman with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and
- 4 he is the one who officially makes the floodplain determination
- 5 with the FEMA maps. He was a specific person that I wanted to
- 6 get there. He was not going to be testifying in opposition to
- 7 the siting. He would just be asked questions and stating what
- 8 the floodplain situation was. And then if other people were
- 9 there I would be able, as a questioner, to question them. That
- 10 was the purpose of having people there, is to have their
- 11 testimony and then we would be allowed to ask them questions, but
- 12 they could make their statements. That is my understanding of
- 13 how the process works.

- 14 Q. Other than Mr. Osman, is it accurate to say that you did
- 15 not intend or plan to call any witnesses to present evidence at
- 16 the public hearing on March 17th?
- 17 A. As I said, it is accurate to say I did not consider Mr.
- 18 Williams a witness. I consider him his own person who would
- 19 testify, but I did hope that he would be there. He said -- he
- 20 indicated to me that he wanted to be there, and that we didn't
- 21 know the date. That was one of the problems.
- 22 Q. Ms. Andria, we will get to Mr. Williams in a few
- 23 moments.
- 24 A. Okay.

- 1 Q. I am only focusing now on those witnesses who you
- 2 contend you would have presented at the public hearing but for
- 3 your confusion as a result of the three published notices. You
- 4 have identified Mr. Osman.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Is there anyone else you intended to present evidence at
- 7 the hearing?
- 8 A. Perhaps Mr. Suttle, who would have testified on the
- 9 incompatibility in nearness to his neighborhood.
- 10 Q. Now, you said perhaps Mr. Suttle?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. What do you mean when you say perhaps? Are you
- 13 speculating that this may have been someone that you would have

- 14 been --
- 15 A. No, I had hoped to get him to that meeting.
- 16 Q. What is Mr. Suttle's first name?
- 17 A. Richard.
- 18 Q. Who is Mr. Suttle affiliated with?
- 19 A. He is on the board of the ESL CAN, the East St. Louis
- 20 Community Action Network, and he is the president of the Emerson
- 21 Park Development Corporation.
- 22 Q. It was your intention to call Mr. Suttle to address
- 23 criterion three, the issue relating to the compatibility of the
- 24 proposed expansion?

- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. Other than Mr. Osman and Mr. Suttle, were there any
- 3 other witnesses that you intended to call?
- 4 A. I had talked to a structural engineer about the
- 5 possibility of him coming. He knew that there was a problem with
- 6 the soils at the site. And that was another person that I had
- 7 hoped to get to the hearing.
- 8 Q. Do you have a name for this structural engineer?
- 9 A. Mike Fries.
- 10 Q. F-R-E-E-S?
- 11 A. F-R-I-E-S.
- 12 Q. And which issue would Mr. Fries have addressed?

- 13 A. I think he would be talking about -- I forget. Is
- 14 criteria two, criterion two, which is safety or --
- 15 Q. The design and operation of the facility?
- 16 A. Design and operation. And he would have talked about
- 17 liquid faction and the stability of soils and could have
- 18 addressed some of the earthquake issues since it is near the New
- 19 Madrid Fault.
- 20 Q. So Mr. Fries would have addressed that part of criterion
- 21 two that related to the location element, that is, whether the
- 22 site itself was geologically and otherwise sound for the
- 23 development of an expansion?
- 24 A. I believe so.

- 1 Q. Okay. Any other witnesses besides these three
- 2 individuals?
- 3 A. There was some people with -- conservation people with
- 4 the Conservation Alliance that I think I would have tried to get.
- 5 Q. That you intended and planned to call as witnesses but
- 6 for your confusion about the date of the hearing; is that
- 7 correct?
- 8 A. That I intended to get there to have them testify. I
- 9 did not consider them my witnesses.
- 10 Q. Well, again, what I tried to do initially is have you
- 11 identify those persons who you planned or intended to present as
- 12 witnesses to present testimony at the public hearing?

- 13 A. Okay.
- 14 Q. Differentiating that from those people who you hoped
- 15 would show up and give whatever testimony they wanted to present
- in connection with the application?
- 17 A. Okay.
- 18 Q. That's the distinction. Do you understand that
- 19 distinction?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. I am focusing on the first element of this. The
- 22 witnesses that you intended or planned to present as witnesses at
- 23 the public hearing?
- 24 A. Okay.

- 1 Q. You identified Mr. Osman, Mr. Suttle and Mr. Fries; is
- 2 that correct?
- 3 A. Right. And Mr. Williams is not going to be considered
- 4 in that category?
- 5 Q. I thought you had indicated that you had hoped Mr.
- 6 Williams was going to appear, but you didn't intend to present
- 7 him as a witness?
- 8 A. No, I wanted him to be there. I just had a quibble with
- 9 the word witness, because I just didn't see myself as being
- 10 calling witnesses. That's the only problem that...
- 11 Q. Why did you have a problem with viewing yourself as

- 12 calling witnesses at this hearing? Do you just view that as
- 13 something that was not part of what your role was to be at this
- 14 hearing?
- 15 A. I didn't view it as being -- as calling witnesses.
- 16 That's all. It is just my own -- it seems like a whole other
- 17 thing. I mean, if you are calling your witness it is like you
- 18 take something away from them that they are not testifying on
- 19 their own. That's all. It is just a distinction that is in my
- 20 mind. Perhaps it is not a real distinction for you. You are
- 21 used to having witnesses every day. So it is a citizen's -- the
- 22 way a citizen feels about citizen testimony, I guess.
- 23 Q. Ms. Andria, is it correct to say that in your amended
- 24 petition for review that you allege that had you received proper

- 1 notice of the public hearing that you would have tried to have
- 2 witnesses present to testify against the siting application; is
- 3 that correct?
- 4 A. Yes. So -- okay. I am sorry. Go ahead.
- Q. Now, are the witnesses you just identified, Ms. Osman,
- 6 Mr. Suttle, Mr. Fries, and Mr. Williams, people who you intended
- 7 to present or have presented as witnesses at the public hearing,
- 8 consistent with your amended petition for review?
- 9 A. No, that is not consistent because Mr. Osman, as I
- 10 indicated, would not testify against the application. He does
- 11 not -- he would not, as a state employee, testify against

- 12 something. He was only to determine floodplain, the situation
- 13 with whether the landfill was located in a floodplain. So he was
- 14 not technically a witness who would be testifying against the
- 15 application.
- 16 Q. But it was your intent to have him testify as a witness
- 17 at the siting hearing, correct?
- 18 A. Yes, yes.
- 19 Q. Along with Mr. Fries, Mr. Suttle and Mr. Williams,
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. Yes. Mr. Suttle would have been a citizen statement.
- 22 And I also hoped to get someone from the Cahokia Mounds, not just
- 23 Cahokia Mounds Society, but the Cahokia Mounds.
- Q. Wasn't Mr. Williams going to testify about --

- 1 A. He was from the Society. He was not from -- the was the
- 2 Cahokia Mounds Society. He was not a Mounds personnel person.
- 3 Q. Is there any other person that you intended to present
- 4 as a witness at the siting hearing?
- 5 A. No, I don't think so.
- 6 Q. So let me make sure I have all of the people that you
- 7 planned or intended to have testify at the siting hearing. Mr.
- 8 Fries, Mr. Osman, Mr. Suttle, Mr. Williams, and someone from the
- 9 Mounds. Does that exhaust the list of people that you planned or
- 10 intended to present at the hearing?

- 11 A. Personally, or to get them to the hearing to testify?
- 12 Q. What I tried to do was differentiate between the people
- 13 that you planned or intended to present as witnesses at the
- 14 hearing as opposed to those witnesses who you hoped would appear
- 15 independently to give testimony on the siting application at the
- 16 hearing. Now, we are talking about the first element of that.
- 17 MS. HOMEYER: I am going to object to the form of the
- 18 question. Number one, it is argumentative. Number, two, it has
- 19 been asked and answered. And number three, the witness has said
- 20 that she does not view it in the same language as Mr. Moran is
- 21 trying to get her to testify. She does not distinguish between
- 22 my witnesses. She didn't have a concept of my witness. That is
- 23 Mr. Moran's language. She does not agree with it. He can ask
- 24 her this question all afternoon. I don't believe my client's

- l testimony is going to change.
- There were people she wanted to have at the hearing. Mr.
- 3 Moran is trying to get her to make false distinctions that he
- 4 would like to make. But my client is not testifying that she
- 5 ever intended to draw people -- to divide people into those two
- 6 classifications. I am going to object to the form of the
- 7 question that it is argumentative and it is mischaracterizing her
- 8 testimony.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 10 MR. MORAN: Let me just have a moment. What I have been

- 11 trying to do for the last 20 minutes is establish the distinction
- 12 between her intent or plan to present witnesses to testify and on
- 13 the other hand, witnesses whom she hoped would appear and give
- 14 testimony. I thought we had reached an agreement that that was a
- 15 distinction that was appropriate. If it isn't, I would like to
- 16 find out and let's focus on it.
- 17 The amended petition for review specifically sets out that
- 18 had petitioners received the required statutory notice, this is
- 19 in paragraph 16, without any confusion as to what the real
- 20 hearing date would be, petitioners would have tried to have
- 21 witnesses present to testify against the application.
- 22 That is what I have been asking her about. What witnesses
- 23 would you have intended or planned to have present to testify on
- 24 the application. Now we are hearing this witness backtrack and

- 1 say there isn't any such distinction and she didn't intend to
- 2 call any witnesses and it is in her amended petition so --
- 3 MS. HOMEYER: Well, I am going to object. The witness did
- 4 not draft the amended petition. She may not agree with the
- 5 language that I drafted. The witness has given her testimony as
- 6 to how she saw it. She was trying to get people to testify at
- 7 the hearing. She does not say that she saw them as people that
- 8 would testify against the application or that they were going to
- 9 be considered her witnesses. Just because it is in the amended

- 10 petition does not mean that my client has to agree with every
- 11 statement in there. I drafted the amended petition. She did
- 12 not.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: May I see the amended petition,
- 14 please?
- 15 MR. MORAN: Well, beyond that, just so that I point it out,
- 16 I asked her just a few moments ago that very question, and that
- 17 is, in your amended petition for review do you allege that had
- 18 you received proper notice of the public hearing you would have
- 19 tried to have witnesses present to testify against the
- 20 application, is that correct, and she said yes.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Yes, I recall that question and
- 22 that answer, Ms. Homeyer. In light of the fact that it is in the
- 23 amended petition -- I just want to double-check because I didn't
- 24 want to dig mine out.

- 1 MR. MORAN: At the bottom of paragraph 16.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. In light of the fact that
- 3 the amended petition does state that but for the confusion they
- 4 would have had witnesses present to testify against the
- 5 application, I don't think that is an inappropriate question for
- 6 Mr. Moran to ask, because that is what has been alleged in the
- 7 petition signed --
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: But I think she has answered it many times
- 9 already.

- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Well, I don't know that I agree.
- 11 MS. HOMEYER: To me it just seems like a distinction
- 12 without a difference. If he is trying to elicit information on
- 13 the fundamental fairness issue of were we prejudiced by not
- 14 getting people to the hearing because of confusion over the
- 15 notice, I think she has given four names and one organization
- 16 that she would have liked to have had people there at the hearing
- 17 to testify. I think we are arguing over semantics, and I don't
- 18 know that we will ever get the witness to agree with a statement
- 19 that I drafted.
- 20 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 21 MR. MORAN: Well, I don't know how they can proceed with an
- 22 appeal if we are going to have a petition or a pleading that says
- 23 one thing and a witness who testifies inconsistently or contrary
- 24 to that allegation. I mean, how do you proceed with any kind of

- 1 an appeal?
- 2 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Well, we only want her to testify
- 3 to what she can only testify to. Where were we at when we ran
- 4 into the objection?
- 5 MS. HOMEYER: I think I have an answer. She -- Mr. Moran
- 6 was summarizing; Mr. Osman, Mr. Suttle, Mr. Fries, someone from
- 7 the Conservation Alliance, Mr. Ken Williams, he was asking her if
- 8 there were any other people besides those five that she was

- 9 trying to get to the hearing. I believe at that point I started
- 10 making some objections. But basically he was summarizing them as
- 11 witnesses that she would have had to testify against the
- 12 application. All I am saying is I don't think this witness is
- 13 comfortable with that particular phrase. And I think it is being
- 14 exaggerated. I think the importance --
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am going to overrule that
- 16 because she has answered that, that she had witnesses that she
- 17 wanted to get there to testify.
- 18 MS. HOMEYER: Yes, testify, but --
- 19 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Is that correct, Mr. Moran?
- 20 MS. HOMEYER: -- not to testify --
- 21 MR. MORAN: That is certainly what I heard.
- MS. HOMEYER: Not to testify --
- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am kind of in a bind here. She
- 24 has testified that that is what she wanted to do.

- 1 MS. HOMEYER: But he keeps trying to get her to admit that
- 2 the sentence that I wrote in the petition is exactly the way she
- 3 would have phrased it. She is saying that is not the way I would
- 4 have phrased it. That is what I feel is going on here.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Well, clearly, she can say that.
- 6 My understanding of this was that the distinction was between
- 7 witnesses that she wanted to get to the hearing to testify and
- 8 witnesses that, boy, she hoped they would get there and maybe

- 9 provide some testimony on their own behalf. Is that correct?
- 10 MR. MORAN: That is absolutely correct, and it is a
- 11 critical issue because it relates to fundamental fairness.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I think that --
- 13 MR. MORAN: She is alleging fundamental unfairness based
- 14 upon some prejudice that she didn't know about when the hearing
- 15 was going to take place and she couldn't bring witnesses to the
- 16 hearing. That is different from the fundamental fairness that
- 17 relates to whether other people, who may or may not have known
- 18 about the hearing, could have come to testify on their own
- 19 behalf.
- 20 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ma'am, do you think that there is
- 21 a distinction between those two classes of people that I just
- 22 mentioned, people that you wanted to get there to testify and
- 23 people that you hoped would testify?
- 24 THE WITNESS: Well, I think -- I mean, for one thing, Mr.

- 1 Hearing Officer, we cannot pay witnesses. When you get people to
- 2 come to testify at a public hearing, I just don't -- I don't
- 3 think there is an inconsistency between the wording in the
- 4 amended petition for review getting witnesses to testify against
- 5 the application and considering them my witnesses. I am not an
- 6 attorney. I did --
- 7 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Let's stay away from what you

- 8 consider your witnesses.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Let's focus on witnesses that you
- 11 have tried to get there to testify.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Can we work with that
- 14 understanding?
- 15 THE WITNESS: I will --
- 16 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I mean, if you can't, I clearly
- 17 don't want you to be testifying to things you don't believe are
- 18 true. If you don't believe that there is a distinction, feel
- 19 free to say I don't think there is a distinction. And Mr. Moran
- 20 is not going to able to force you to do that, because I am not
- 21 going to let it happen. But I do want to move forward, and it is
- 22 in the amended petition, and I think it is proper --
- 23 THE WITNESS: I do not disagree.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay.

- 1 THE WITNESS: I do not disagree with the wording in the
- 2 amended petition.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: What was your question, then, Mr.
- 4 Moran? We are going to move this along, if at all possible.
- 5 Q. (By Mr. Moran) My question was is it accurate to say
- 6 that the only witnesses that you intended or planned to have
- 7 present at the public hearing to testify regarding the siting

- 8 application were Mr. Osman, Mr. Suttle, Mr. Fries, Mr. Williams,
- 9 and someone from the Mounds?
- 10 A. And Ken Williams.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I think he -- did he say --
- 12 MR. MORAN: Didn't I say Mr. Williams?
- 13 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Yes, he said Mr. Williams.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay. I am sorry. I am sorry.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: No, it has been a long day. If
- 16 you need to take a Dr. Pepper break, we will allow it.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I will take one sip.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Okay. I believe I testified that people from
- 20 the Conservation Alliance, people from ESL CAN --
- 21 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Do you want me to jump in, Mr.
- 22 Moran?
- 23 The question is, is there anyone in addition to those five
- 24 people that he named, correct?

- 1 Q. (By Mr. Moran) That you planned or intended to have
- 2 testify at the public hearing but for your confusion about the
- 3 hearing date based on the three published notices?
- 4 A. Yes, someone from the Mounds. Did we -- okay.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I think that --
- 6 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Could I go through the list again? Just

- 7 please listen very carefully.
- 8 A. Okay. I will try.
- 9 Q. I am just trying to find out what witnesses --
- 10 A. I am sorry, Mr. Moran. I am really trying hard.
- 11 Q. I understand. Mr. Osman, Mr. Suttle, Mr. Fries, Mr.
- 12 Williams and someone from the Mounds. That is five people.
- 13 A. Someone from IHPA.
- 14 O. IHPA?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. What is IHPA?
- 17 A. Illinois Historical Preservation Association -- Agency.
- 18 I am sorry.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. I had hoped to get a gentleman, whose name is Mark
- 21 Wusthof, with the Southwestern Illinois Tourism Bureau. I had
- 22 not -- I had indications that he was interested. I did not make
- 23 the contact. Someone else talked to him. I do not know how you
- 24 want to categorize that. I did not have time to do all of the --

- 1 try to get all of this done and also look at the application,
- 2 which we just got. So I am sorry if I am running out of steam
- 3 here. But go ahead.
- Q. Other than Mr. Fries, Mr. Osman, Mr. Suttle, Mr.
- 5 Williams, someone from the Mounds, someone from IHPA, someone
- 6 named Mark Wusthof, were there any other persons that you planned

- 7 or intended to present at the hearing to testify on the siting
- 8 application, but were unable to present or bring to the hearing
- 9 because of your confusion about the date of the hearing based on
- 10 the three published notices?
- 11 A. As of this -- right now this minute I cannot think of
- 12 anyone else.
- 13 Q. So that's the entire list?
- 14 A. I didn't say that. I said right know I can't think of
- 15 anyone else.
- 16 Q. You have exhausted your recollection as to the list of
- 17 witnesses that you intended to call but were prevented from doing
- 18 so by virtue of your confusion, correct?
- 19 A. I have exhausted my recollection as of this moment.
- Q. That's all we can ask you to do.
- 21 A. Thank you.
- 22 Q. Is that the complete list that you just gave us that I
- 23 just read out?
- A. As of my recollection as of this moment, yes, it is.

- Q. Ms. Andria, at your deposition on August 8th, were you
- 2 asked the following two questions and did you provide the
- 3 following two answers?
- 4 MS. HOMEYER: What page, please?
- 5 MR. MORAN: Page 140, line 24, beginning of line 24 and

- 6 going to page 141 through line 10.
- 7 MS. HOMEYER: Thank you.
- 8 Q. Were you asked the following and did you provide these
- 9 answers:
- 10 "Question: Now, in your amended petition for review, you
- 11 alleged that had you received proper notice, that is, of the
- 12 public hearing, that you would have tried to have witnesses
- 13 present to testify against the application; is that correct?
- 14 Answer: (Witness moved head up and down.)
- 15 Question: Which witnesses were you intending to include in
- 16 this statement?"
- 17 Ms. Homeyer interposed an objection, "asked and answered."
- 18 "Answer: I said I would have tried to get someone to
- 19 address the Mounds issue and someone to address the floodplain
- 20 issue."
- 21 Did you give those answers to those two questions?
- 22 A. If that's what it says.
- Q. Now, Ms. Andria with respect to Mr. Osman --
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. -- when did you first contact Mr. Osman about his
- 2 appearing at the public hearing to address the floodplain issue?
- 3 A. I did not ask Mr. Osman to appear at the public hearing.
- 4 I did not know of the public hearing. When I first talked to him
- 5 I asked him questions about the floodplain. When it got closer

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- 6 to -- when I found out the hearing time -- I mean, I was going to
- 7 ask him when I had a hearing date I was going to write a letter
- 8 and ask him if he could appear. But I did not do that because
- 9 there was not sufficient time to ask someone.
- 10 Q. You had no conversation or discussion or communication
- 11 with Mr. Osman about the floodplain issue in this siting
- 12 application prior to the public hearing, did you?
- 13 A. That is not correct.
- 14 Q. When did you have a communication or conversation with
- 15 Mr. Osman about the floodplain issue for this siting application
- 16 prior to the public hearing?
- 17 A. I don't remember.
- 18 Q. Is there anything that would help refresh your
- 19 recollection?
- 20 A. I don't know.
- 21 Q. When did you speak or have any communication with Mr.
- 22 Suttle about his appearing at the hearing to testify on the
- 23 compatibility criteria?
- 24 A. Probably at one of the early meetings after -- I think

- 1 maybe in February.
- Q. Are you just speculating as to this meeting?
- 3 A. Yes, I am.
- 4 O. You don't have any specific recollection of a discussion

- 5 with Mr. Suttle about appearing to testify?
- 6 A. A date, no, I do not.
- 7 Q. Do you recall anything about the substance of any
- 8 conversation you had with him about appearing at the siting
- 9 hearing to testify on the compatibility criterion?
- 10 A. Do I recall substance?
- 11 Q. Yes. Do you remember anything that you and he talked
- 12 about in terms of his appearing in the public hearing and
- 13 testifying on the compatibility criteria?
- 14 A. I remember that he said he was very much against the
- 15 landfill because he can smell it and that he -- his house is
- 16 close to -- closest of, I think, the ESL CAN members to the
- 17 landfill. He felt strongly about it should close and felt
- 18 strongly that it reflected on the East St. Louis community.
- 19 Q. When did he say this to you?
- 20 A. We have had a number of conversations about this
- 21 subject.
- 22 O. Did these conversations occur after the date of the
- 23 public hearing?
- A. Some have. Some were before.

- 1 Q. Did you ever advise Mr. Suttle as to the date of the
- 2 public hearing?
- 3 A. I don't know if I did or didn't.
- Q. Do you recall whether you had any discussions with him

- 5 of any kind, in other words, where he may have called you, or you
- 6 initiated contact with him, or you discussed any of the dates for
- 7 the public hearing?
- 8 A. I do, but I couldn't tell you precisely when it was.
- 9 When I knew that there was a hearing scheduled I discussed it
- 10 with him. Mr. Suttle does not like to go to meetings. But he
- 11 indicated, I believe, that he would go to this. And so I am
- 12 not -- I don't remember. I don't have any remembrance of what
- 13 dates we discussed it.
- 14 Q. Are you just speculating that he told you that he wanted
- 15 to come to this hearing or do you have a specific recollection?
- 16 A. No, I remember that he indicated that he -- he gave me,
- 17 for Mr. Suttle, as positive a response to get him to a meeting as
- 18 you are going to get from Mr. Suttle.
- 19 Q. What response was that?
- 20 A. I couldn't tell you the words that he said.
- Q. Could you give us the gist of what he said?
- 22 A. Like, he would try to get to the meeting. To the
- 23 hearing. I am sorry.
- Q. Did you tell him when the meeting was or when the

- 1 hearing was going to be?
- 2 A. I don't remember that I did or didn't. It was a very
- 3 confused, raucous time. I don't remember which people I was able

- 4 to tell and which people I wasn't.
- 5 Q. When were you able to determine, with any degree of
- 6 likelihood, that the hearing in this siting application was going
- 7 to take place on March 17th?
- 8 A. On March 17th.
- 9 Q. You are saying you had no understanding and did not
- 10 believe it was probable that the hearing would go forward on
- 11 March 17th until March 17th?
- 12 A. Until it happened.
- 13 MR. MORAN: Page 92, line 18.
- 14 Q. Ms. Andria, at your deposition on August 8th do you
- 15 recall having been asked the following questions and giving the
- 16 following answers:
- 17 "Question: Would it be accurate to say that your plan or
- 18 intent with respect to participating in the public hearing was to
- 19 go to the Village of Fairmont City on March 13th and March 17th
- 20 to determine on which day the hearing would actually commence?
- 21 Answer: I think on March 13th I just went to make sure
- 22 that it was not happening. I think I thought it was probably
- 23 Friday, but I just checked it out.
- 24 Question: So your understanding was that the probability

- 1 was that the public hearing would proceed on March 17th?
- 2 Answer: Correct.
- 3 Question: And you had that understanding upon seeing the

- 4 notice of public hearing for March 17th?
- 5 Answer: No, sir.
- 6 Question: When did you come to that understanding that
- 7 probably the hearing would go forward on March 17th?
- 8 Answer: Probably was after the 13th came and it didn't
- 9 happen then."
- 10 Did you give those answers to those questions?
- 11 A. I did.
- 12 Q. Did you have any discussions of any kind with Mr. Fries
- 13 prior to the public hearing about his appearing and testifying at
- 14 the public siting hearing?
- 15 A. I believe so.
- 16 Q. When did you have those discussions?
- 17 A. At some time at some meeting that we were at, a joint
- 18 meeting. I don't know.
- 19 Q. This was prior to March 17th?
- 20 A. I believe so.
- 21 Q. And you have no recollection as to when prior to March
- 22 17th?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. What meeting was this?

- 1 A. I don't know. We go to several meetings.
- 2 Q. Do you remember anything about any conversation that you

- 3 had with him about his appearing and testifying at the siting
- 4 hearing?
- 5 A. I remember conversations with him about some of the
- 6 issues. I don't know precisely -- I don't remember precisely any
- 7 of the specifics about him appearing.
- 8 Q. Did you ever ask him to appear at the hearing to
- 9 testify?
- 10 A. I did.
- 11 Q. When did you do that?
- 12 A. I do not remember.
- 13 Q. Do you remember what he said back to you when you asked
- 14 him?
- 15 A. Not precisely.
- 16 Q. Did you have any reason to believe that Mr. Fries would
- 17 be able to attend the public hearing on March 17th?
- 18 A. I was not sure whether he could attend. On March 13th
- 19 or 17th? Did you say the 17th?
- 20 Q. I said at the public hearing.
- 21 A. I was not sure. I am not sure whether he said
- 22 definitely that he could come.
- 23 Q. When you had determined that in probability the hearing
- 24 would be March 17th, and based upon what we just went through at

- 1 your deposition, you concluded that on March 13th after you went
- 2 to the Village and determined there was no hearing on that date,

- 3 did you call Mr. Osman to tell him --
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. -- that the hearing would be on the 17th?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Did you call Mr. Suttle and tell him the hearing would
- 8 be the 17th?
- 9 A. I believe I did.
- 10 Q. Between March 13th and March 17th you called Mr. Suttle?
- 11 A. I believe I did. I don't remember precisely.
- 12 Q. You don't have any specific recollection of that?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Did you call Mr. Fries between March 13th and March 17th
- 15 to tell him the hearing was going to be the 17th?
- 16 A. I do not know.
- 17 Q. You have no recollection of that?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Did you call anyone from the Mounds to tell them that
- 20 the hearing was going to be March 17th?
- 21 A. No, I called Dr. John Kelly and asked him to take care
- 22 of that aspect of the IHPA and the Mounds people.
- 23 Q. When you say to take care of that part of the Mounds and
- 24 the IHPA, what are you referring to?

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1 A. To try to get those people to the hearing.

- 2 Q. So is it accurate to say you were leaving it with Mr.
- 3 Kelly to round up some people to appear at the public hearing?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. You did not follow-up yourself with either anyone from
- 6 the Mounds or IHPA after you had determined that probably the
- 7 hearing would go forth on March 17th?
- 8 A. Dr. Kelly is an archeologist and he knows the people and
- 9 he was the one who knew Ken Williams. I did not know Mr.
- 10 Williams, but I spoke with him once.
- 11 Q. So is the answer yes?
- 12 A. What was the question?
- 13 MR. MORAN: Mr. Hearing Officer, could you have the court
- 14 reporter read it back.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Could you read it back.
- 16 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read
- 17 back by the Reporter.)
- 18 THE WITNESS: I do not believe I tried -- I think I once
- 19 tried to get Mr. Williams on the phone, but didn't get him. I
- 20 did talk to Dr. Kelly, who was going to do it.
- 21 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Mr. Williams you had intended to present
- 22 to testify regarding the incompatibility of the Mounds with the
- 23 proposed expansion?
- 24 A. Mr. Suttle, is that --

- 2 A. Okay. I am sorry. Say your question again. I
- 3 apologize.
- 4 Q. Was it your intent to present Mr. Williams to testify
- 5 regarding the alleged incompatibility of the Mounds with the
- 6 proposed expansion?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. But you didn't call Mr. Williams between March 13th and
- 9 March 17th to tell him the hearing was going to be March 17th,
- 10 did you?
- 11 A. I think I did try to call him and I know I had a phone
- 12 number for him at work that I didn't find again then that -- but
- 13 I had asked -- I mean, I was trying to do a lot of things and I
- 14 asked Dr. Kelly to do that.
- 15 Q. So you didn't call Mr. Williams, correct, during that
- 16 period?
- 17 A. I didn't say that. I said I think I called him once. I
- 18 did not speak with him. I asked Dr. Kelly to take care of the
- 19 archeological aspect.
- 20 Q. Mr. Williams was not an archeologist, was he?
- 21 A. He was at the Cahokia Mounds Society. That's
- 22 archeology.
- 23 Q. Was it your intent to have Mr. Williams testify as to
- 24 the archeological issues at the siting hearing?

- 1 A. I believe that the expansion of the landfill is
- 2 detrimental and incompatible with the world heritage Cahokia
- 3 Mounds site. Yes, absolutely, and so did Mr. Williams express
- 4 that.
- 5 Q. Did Mr. Williams appear at the public hearing?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Did you have any discussion with him after the public
- 8 hearing as to why he didn't attend?
- 9 A. I have not spoken with Mr. Williams.
- 10 Q. You have not spoken with him at all since the public
- 11 hearing?
- 12 A. That is correct.
- 13 Q. So you have no idea, no reason to know why he didn't
- 14 appear at the public hearing?
- 15 A. I don't know if he knew about it.
- 16 Q. Do you have any information or facts to indicate why Mr.
- 17 Fries did not appear at the public hearing?
- 18 A. I have some.
- 19 Q. What information do you have?
- 20 A. I can't remember precisely what he said, but I also know
- 21 that he feels like he has a conflict of interest.
- 22 Q. Do you have any information or facts to indicate why Mr.
- 23 Suttle did not appear at the public hearing?
- A. No, I do not.

- 1 Q. Do you have any information to suggest or indicate why
- 2 no one from the Mounds appeared to testify at the public hearing?
- 3 A. No, I do not.
- 4 Q. Do you have any facts or information to indicate why no
- 5 one from IHPA appeared to testify at the public hearing?
- 6 A. No, I do not.
- 7 Q. Do you have any information to indicate why Mark Wusthof
- 8 did not appear at the public hearing?
- 9 A. No, I do not.
- 10 Q. Did you have any discussions with Mr. Wusthof at any
- 11 time --
- 12 A. No, I did not.
- 13 Q. -- during the week before the hearing?
- 14 A. No, I did not.
- 15 Q. Did you have any discussions with him at all, either
- 16 before or after the public hearing?
- 17 A. Discussions with Mr. Wusthof, no.
- 18 Q. Now, you indicated that Mr. Osman may have come to
- 19 testify at the public hearing regarding whether the proposed
- 20 expansion was in the 100-year floodplain; is that correct?
- 21 A. That Mr. Osman may have come to -- that was my hope, to
- 22 get Mr. Osman there to testify that the landfill was located in
- 23 the floodplain.
- 24 Q. Now, you said the landfill was located in the

- 1 floodplain?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. Did you have any understanding as to what the nature of
- 4 this siting application was seeking?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. And was your understanding that this siting application
- 7 was seeking site location approval for the proposed vertical
- 8 expansion of the Milam Landfill?
- 9 A. Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. Is it your understanding that the proposed expansion is
- 11 to be considered separate and apart from the existing Milam
- 12 Landfill?
- 13 MS. HOMEYER: I am going to object. There is no testimony
- 14 that that is her understanding.
- MR. MORAN: Well, she just testified that she was
- 16 attempting to have Mr. Osman testify that the 100-year floodplain
- 17 was within the existing landfill.
- MS. HOMEYER: Yes, but that is not your question.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer, please direct any
- 20 argument to me. Is that your response to his argument?
- 21 MS. HOMEYER: Yes.
- 22 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Anything further, Mr. Moran?
- MR. MORAN: No.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am going to overrule

- 1 the objection. I don't want to get too far into any legal
- 2 opinion held by this witness, though.
- 3 You can answer that one question, if you recall.
- 4 THE WITNESS: No, I don't recall.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Could you read it back, Darlene.
- 6 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read
- 7 back by the Reporter.)
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: Again, I will object as to what the legal
- 9 criteria that governs siting expansions are. I think this
- 10 question is outside the realm of this witness' competency.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. I covered that in my
- 12 explanation. I am going to overrule it. I agree that I don't
- 13 want to get too far into any legal opinions held by this witness.
- 14 You can answer that question.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Okay. Is it my understanding that the
- 16 expansion is to be considered separate from the existing
- 17 landfill? Is that what you are asking?
- 18 MR. MORAN: Yes.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Yes. But it is -- there are certain criteria
- 20 that pertain to the existing landfill in the criteria. That is
- 21 why I do not think that they are separate.
- 22 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Is it your understanding that the
- 23 statutory criteria set out in the Illinois Environmental
- 24 Protection Act for siting approvals apply to an existing

- 1 permitted landfill?
- 2 A. I guess I don't understand. That the siting criteria
- 3 apply to an existing landfill?
- 4 Q. An existing permitted landfill, yes.
- 5 A. From 21.19 (a) and (b) that refer to the criterion four
- 6 direct you to that, whether a landfill is in the floodplain and
- 7 it has to be flood proofed. And then it goes to whether it is an
- 8 existing landfill trying to expand, and I believe that that
- 9 applies to this landfill.
- 10 Q. Is it your testimony that Mr. Osman, had he appeared at
- 11 the public hearing, would have testified that the existing
- 12 permitted Milam Landfill was within the 100-year floodplain?
- 13 A. I cannot say what Mr. Osman's testimony would be.
- 14 Q. So as you sit here today, you have no understanding or
- 15 knowledge as to what Mr. Osman would have testified to had he
- 16 appeared in the public hearing on March 17th; is that correct?
- 17 A. Ms. Osman has a letter that we submitted as part of the
- 18 public comment which states about the landfill that -- and Mr.
- 19 Osman knew that the landfill was an expansion, a vertical
- 20 expansion. And he said that the map that we showed was the
- 21 current map and that the existing landfill is, indeed, in the
- 22 100-year floodplain. That letter was submitted as part of our
- 23 public comment.
- Q. So are you telling us that as you sit here today you

- 1 have no understanding or knowledge as to what Ms. Osman would
- 2 have testified to had he appeared in person at the public hearing
- 3 on March 17th?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. The only information you have is the contents of the
- 6 letter that Mr. Osman prepared and that you submitted as part of
- 7 public comment relating to the floodplain issue; is that correct?
- 8 A. The only evidence I have? Is that what you asked? What
- 9 was the wording?
- 10 MR. MORAN: Mr. Hearing Officer, could you have the court
- 11 reporter read it back?
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Yes. Please read it back.
- 13 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read
- back by the Reporter.)
- 15 THE WITNESS: The only information I have is what was in
- 16 the letter and also Mr. Osman testified at a public hearing that
- 17 the Pollution Control Board held several years ago on landfills
- 18 in floodplains. He had testimony at that hearing. So that was
- 19 available to me to look at, too.
- 20 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Did you present or attempt to present any
- 21 of that testimony by Mr. Osman before the Pollution Control Board
- 22 as part of this siting application proceeding?
- 23 A. No, I didn't.
- Q. So as far as you know, sitting here today, the only

- 1 information that Mr. Osman would have presented, had he appeared
- 2 at the public hearing, were the contents of the letter that he
- 3 prepared and that you submitted as part of the public comment; is
- 4 that correct?
- 5 A. That is not correct. I cannot imagine that if Mr. Osman
- 6 would talk, say what he said, that if he were allowed to be
- 7 questioned that I would not have asked him about his testimony.
- 8 And I am sure that whatever he thought about locating landfills
- 9 in flood planes would have come out in that testimony. So that
- 10 is absolutely not correct.
- 11 Q. And that letter stated that the existing permitted Milam
- 12 Landfill was within the 100-year floodplain; is that correct?
- 13 A. I believe that is what it said.
- 14 Q. The letter did not state that the proposed expansion was
- 15 within the 100-year floodplain, did it?
- 16 A. I don't believe it stated that.
- 17 Q. Do you have any information, either from Mr. Osman or
- 18 from any other source, that indicates or establishes that the
- 19 proposed expansion, which is the subject of this siting
- 20 application, is within the 100-year floodplain?
- 21 MS. HOMEYER: Mr. Hearing Officer, I am going to object.
- 22 At this time it sounds more like a hearing on the siting criteria
- 23 than a hearing on fundamental unfairness. I believe it is
- 24 outside the scope of direct examination and it is also outside

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- 1 the scope of the claims of fundamental unfairness that we are
- 2 making.
- 3 He is basically asking this witness to testify as an expert
- 4 as to whether the proposed expansion is within or without the
- 5 100-year floodplain. I don't believe that is an appropriate
- 6 question to be asking this witness at this hearing. We can
- 7 address the floodplain issue in the briefs.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 9 MR. MORAN: What has been alleged here is fundamental
- 10 unfairness as a result of this petitioner's inability to present
- 11 witnesses at the hearing. If this witness, who presumably could
- 12 not attend this hearing and give testimony on the floodplain
- 13 issue, was only going to come to the hearing and state that the
- 14 existing permitted Milam Landfill was within the 100-year
- 15 floodplain, that testimony is entirely beside the point, does not
- 16 address the criterion. And so in no way could that witness'
- 17 proposed testimony and its alleged exclusion been fundamentally
- 18 unfair to these petitioners.
- 19 So it is particularly critical to know what these witnesses
- 20 would have said, had they been contacted, were they prepared to
- 21 present testimony. Because if their evidence was not relevant or
- 22 missed the point of the criteria, there couldn't have been any
- 23 fundamental unfairness in their not appearing.
- 24 MS. HOMEYER: Mr. Knittle, Mr. Moran is making an argument

- 1 that he can make in his brief about what my client is testifying
- 2 to. But the question at hand is whether she is saying whether
- 3 she has information that the proposed expansion is in or out of
- 4 the 100-year floodplain. I don't believe that has anything to do
- 5 with fundamental unfairness or what Mr. Osman would have
- 6 testified to.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: The objection is sustained,
- 8 unless you had a different question, Mr. Moran.
- 9 MR. MORAN: Well, the only point is that --
- 10 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: She has already stated that she
- 11 does not know what that witness would have testified to entirely
- 12 if he had been at the hearing.
- 13 MR. MORAN: But she has also indicated that she knows what
- 14 was in his letter and what he would have indicated based upon
- 15 what is in the letter. She is claiming that the fact that this
- 16 letter was submitted as public comment and that she couldn't
- 17 present the witness as a live witness whose testimony would have
- 18 been credited as live testimony would be credited amounts to
- 19 fundamental unfairness.
- 20 My point is if this evidence that she knows he would have
- 21 presented, based upon his letter, misses the point of the
- 22 criterion and is irrelevant, how can any fundamental unfairness
- 23 inhere in that witness not testifying. That's my point.
- 24 MS. HOMEYER: The pending question has nothing to do with

- 1 Mr. Osman.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Do you want me to have the
- 3 question read back?
- 4 MR. MORAN: Yes, by all means.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Could you please read the
- 6 question back.
- 7 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read
- 8 back by the Reporter.)
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Yes, I am sustaining the
- 10 objection to that particular question. I don't see how it is
- 11 particularly applicable to fundamental unfairness.
- 12 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Ms. Andria, do you have any facts or
- 13 information to indicate that Mr. Osman had any evidence relating
- 14 to whether the proposed expansion was within the 100-year
- 15 floodplain?
- 16 A. That he had evidence?
- 17 Q. Any facts or information to indicate that the proposed
- 18 expansion was within the 100-year floodplain?
- 19 A. The proposed expansion?
- 20 Q. Yes.
- 21 A. I was not dealing with the proposed expansion up on top
- 22 of the existing. I was dealing with the existing. I think they
- 23 are connected, and I think that one sits on another and it cannot
- 24 exist separate from it, even though it is treated as such as an

- 1 expansion.
- Q. So is the answer to the question no?
- 3 A. I don't remember.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. Could you read it
- 5 back, please.
- 6 In light of Mr. Moran's previous request earlier in the
- 7 day, I am going to direct you to attempt to answer the question
- 8 as it is put to you.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 10 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read
- 11 back by the Reporter, beginning at page 232, line 13
- 12 through line 21.)
- 13 THE WITNESS: No.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. Let's go off the
- 15 record.
- 16 (Discussion off the record.)
- 17 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. We are back on the
- 18 record.
- 19 Mr. Moran, your cross-examination continues.
- 20 MR. MORAN: Thank you.
- 21 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Ms. Andria, have you ever reviewed the
- 22 traffic report that was contained in the siting application?
- 23 A. Not in-depth, no.
- Q. So is it accurate to say that you were not in any way

- 1 prevented from asking questions regarding the traffic criterion
- 2 at the public hearing?
- 3 A. Was I -- the traffic expert was not there.
- 4 Q. Did you have any questions for the traffic expert at the
- 5 public hearing?
- 6 A. I did have some traffic questions.
- 7 Q. Did you indicate that to the hearing officer?
- 8 A. I think I did.
- 9 Q. Do you recall the statement that was made that to the
- 10 extent that anyone had questions with respect to any of the
- 11 criterion that they should advise the hearing officer and the
- 12 applicant and the witnesses would be available to answer whatever
- 13 questions the objectors or any participants had with respect to
- 14 the reports in the application, do you remember that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. If, indeed, you indicated a desire or willingness to ask
- 17 questions of the traffic expert, what was the response that you
- 18 received?
- 19 A. He was an hour away and could be called. I think that
- 20 was the response.
- Q. And did the traffic expert appear at any point during
- the public hearing to answer questions?
- 23 A. Not to my knowledge.

- 1 that traffic expert be available to answer questions; isn't that
- 2 right?
- 3 A. Well, we asked some questions, traffic questions, but we
- 4 didn't ask them of the traffic expert.
- 5 Q. Were these questions that related to the internal
- 6 traffic flows on and over the Milam site?
- 7 A. In the traffic around during race times and traffic
- 8 during certain times everyday, I believe.
- 9 Q. Were those questions responded to?
- 10 A. I think there were responses. I don't have a strong
- 11 recollection right now.
- 12 Q. Now, Ms. Andria, you said that there could have been a
- 13 decent public hearing -- I think these are exactly your words
- 14 from earlier today -- if you had had the siting application since
- 15 December; is that correct?
- 16 A. Do I think there could have been a decent public hearing
- 17 if we had had the siting application since December?
- 18 Q. Yes. I believe that's what you said this morning; is
- 19 that correct? Or did I misquote you?
- 20 A. Maybe I was being a little optimistic. I hoped there
- 21 could have been one. But I don't know that just have having a
- 22 siting application would have made the hearing fair.
- 23 Q. And one of the reasons that you didn't get the siting

- 1 quoted cost of obtaining the copy; is that correct?
- MS. HOMEYER: Objection. Asked and answered.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran?
- 4 MR. MORAN: I am referencing a statement she made earlier
- 5 today regarding what would have been the conduct of a decent
- 6 public hearing if they had had the application since December.
- 7 We had that earlier colloquy regarding the attempt to obtain a
- 8 copy of the application. I am just simply asking her now if that
- 9 was the reason that she didn't get the siting application in
- 10 December.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I will allow it in terms of a
- 12 background question.
- 13 THE WITNESS: The question was did I -- I am sorry. Go
- 14 ahead.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: No, I was waiting for Mr. Moran
- 16 to ask me to ask the court reporter to read it back.
- 17 MR. MORAN: I was waiting for Ms. Andria to finish her
- 18 comment, because maybe she wouldn't need the question back again.
- 19 Would you like the question back again?
- THE WITNESS: I am sorry. Yes.
- 21 MR. BARICEVIC: Might I go make a phone call? And I don't
- 22 object to the hearing proceeding without me.

- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: You certainly may.
- MR. BARICEVIC: Thank you.

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- 1 (Mr. Baricevic exited the hearing room.)
- 2 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. Could you please read the
- 3 question back.
- 4 (Whereupon the requested portion of the record was read
- 5 back by the Reporter.)
- 6 THE WITNESS: That's correct.
- 7 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Now, I believe you also indicated during
- 8 your direct examination this morning that you -- to this day you
- 9 have been unable to compare the copy of the siting application
- 10 you obtained from Waste Management on March 3rd with the siting
- 11 application that was filed with the Village of Fairmont City; is
- 12 that correct?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 Q. And it is also accurate to say that you made no effort
- 15 to compare those two documents, that is, the copy that you
- 16 received from Waste Management and the siting application on file
- 17 with the Village of Fairmont City through today's date?
- 18 A. That's correct. No, that is not correct. Oh, the
- 19 siting application. I did make a phone call to try to -- to
- 20 verify some pages, but I don't think it was with the siting
- 21 application.
- 22 (Mr. Baricevic entered the hearing room.)

- 23 Q. (By Mr. Moran) So does your previous answer stand?
- 24 A. I think so.

- 1 Q. To this day you have not been able to compare the copy
- 2 of the siting application you obtained from Waste Management of
- 3 Illinois and the siting application that is on file with the
- 4 Village of Fairmont City?
- 5 A. I know there is a discrepancy in pages. I don't know
- 6 what the discrepancy consists of.
- 7 Q. You have not determined it to this day?
- 8 A. Not yet, no.
- 9 Q. Were you planning on doing it at some point in the near
- 10 future?
- 11 A. I hope to.
- 12 Q. For what purpose?
- 13 A. I would like to know.
- 14 Q. It wasn't important to know that back before you filed
- 15 this appeal to the Pollution Control Board?
- MS. HOMEYER: Could you -- Mr. Knittle, is he referring now
- 17 to the application or to the transcript?
- 18 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am under the assumption that we
- 19 are still talking about the siting application.
- Is that correct, Mr. Moran?
- 21 MR. MORAN: Yes.

- 22 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Is that your understanding as
- 23 well, ma'am?
- 24 THE WITNESS: That was the siting application that you

- 1 wondered why I didn't do it? I was not able to get anywhere
- 2 trying to get information. I asked to see the record with the
- 3 Village. I have no indication that -- other than the fact that
- 4 we now have an attorney, that we would be able to get anymore
- 5 information. Before we got an attorney, I would not have thought
- 6 I would get anymore information than I did before.
- 7 Q. (By Mr. Moran) But you have an attorney now, correct?
- 8 A. Yes, correct.
- 9 Q. You have had this attorney for how long, a month?
- 10 A. I don't know.
- 11 Q. I am saying that to this day -- just so that we are
- 12 clear, to this day you have not taken the copy of the siting
- 13 application that you made at Waste Management of Illinois and
- 14 compared that with the siting application that was filed with the
- 15 Village of Fairmont City that was made part of the record of this
- 16 appeal? You have never done that to this day; is that correct?
- 17 A. That is correct. It is my understanding that I would
- 18 have to go to Chicago or Springfield to do that, sir.
- 19 MR. MORAN: If I could just have a couple of minutes, I
- 20 think I may be wrapping this up.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Okay. Let's take three minutes.

- 22 (Whereupon a short recess was taken.)
- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: We are back on the record, and
- 24 you are still cross-examining Ms. Andria.

- 1 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Ms. Andria, did you tape-record this
- 2 hearing, this public hearing?
- 3 A. I started to.
- 4 Q. You asked permission to tape-record the hearing,
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. I don't know if I did or if I just started to get my
- 7 equipment. I don't remember exactly how it went.
- 8 Q. And you recorded the public hearing on a device that you
- 9 owned?
- 10 A. I had just bought it.
- 11 Q. And how many tapes did you record of this hearing?
- 12 A. I think only one tape. I had some out, but I think that
- 13 I put in one and when I got back it -- I thought I had gotten at
- 14 least the first half hour, but there was nothing on the tape.
- 15 Q. When you say there was nothing on it, it just didn't
- 16 record anything?
- 17 A. Yes. I don't know what I did wrong. It was a brand-new
- 18 tape-recorder. I had just taken it out of the box at the
- 19 hearing.
- 20 Q. Okay. Now, you prepared a written comment which was

- 21 submitted within the 30 day period after the hearing; is that
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. That is correct.
- Q. You testified about that earlier today, I believe?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And that comment was written on the letterhead of the
- 3 American Bottom Conservancy?
- 4 A. Yes, it was.
- 5 Q. And you submitted it on behalf of the American Bottom
- 6 Conservancy?
- 7 A. And the East St. Louis Community Action Network.
- 8 Q. Was that indicated anywhere on the face of your written
- 9 comment, that you were filing it on behalf of the East St. Louis
- 10 Community Action Network?
- 11 A. I think that the last page, in some of the copies, at
- 12 the bottom it said chair, environment committee. That went over
- 13 to the last page. I don't know whether you have got that page.
- 14 I was really trying to get it to the airport in time and I didn't
- 15 have time to make another copy, but I did make another copy with
- 16 that line brought up to that. But East St. Louis Community
- 17 Action Network is in the second paragraph that I believe I say on
- 18 behalf of both groups.
- 19 Q. Were you also submitting this in your personal capacity?
- 20 A. As a person that is interested in the environment I was

- 21 writing it. I was submitting it on behalf of the groups.
- 22 Q. You prepared that written comment? You wrote it?
- 23 A. I wrote it.
- Q. And this is a nine page document?

- 1 A. I believe the tenth page was the other part of the
- 2 bottom, the identification under my name. But it was nine pages,
- 3 but that was the tenth page.
- 4 Q. And this nine page written comment addressed the
- 5 floodplain issue; is that correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. It addressed Section 22.19 (a) of the Illinois
- 8 Environmental Protection Act, correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. It involved or included discussion of your contention
- 11 about the identity of Waste Management?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. It included a discussion of Mr. Connor's testimony
- 14 relating to the floodplain; is that correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. It includes discussion with respect to the alleged
- 17 groundwater impact of the existing landfill; is that correct?
- 18 A. I am sorry?
- 19 Q. The comment includes a discussion of the alleged

- 20 groundwater impact of the existing Milam Landfill?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. The written comment also includes a discussion on
- 23 criterion two, the public health, safety and welfare criteria?
- 24 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. The written comment also refers to certain testimony at
- 2 the hearing given by Mr. Lanert (spelled phonetically)? Is that
- 3 correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. The written comment also includes certain discussion of
- 6 the compatibility of the Milam Landfill with the Cahokia Mounds?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Now, what sources did you use in preparing this written
- 9 comment? In other words, did you prepare this written comment
- 10 based entirely upon your memory of what occurred at the public
- 11 hearing?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. What sources did you use to put together the written
- 14 comment?
- 15 A. Well, I went to the IEPA and FOIA'd documents on the
- 16 landfill and the history of the Milam site. I looked at other
- 17 documents. I downloaded things from the internet. I read
- 18 things. I called people. I talked to people.
- 19 Q. Did you have any notes that you took --

- 20 A. I had some.
- 21 Q. -- at the hearing?
- 22 A. I had some.
- 23 Q. Did you refer to those notes in preparing this public
- 24 comment?

- 1 A. Some.
- Q. Did you have any discussions with Mr. Norman regarding
- 3 his observations or notes concerning the public hearing in
- 4 preparing this written comment?
- 5 A. I am not sure. We had some discussions about some parts
- 6 of it and he read the document before it was submitted.
- 7 Q. So Mr. Norman provided some input --
- 8 A. He had some input.
- 9 Q. -- into the preparation of this written comment?
- 10 A. Yes, he did.
- 11 Q. Now, Ms. Andria, were you prevented in any way from
- 12 offering evidence at the public hearing relating to the
- 13 floodplain issue?
- 14 A. Yes. From offering? Okay. Was I prevented from
- 15 offering? I was prevented from having it accepted. I was not
- 16 prevented from offering it.
- 17 Q. Were you prevented from offering any evidence at the
- 18 public hearing relating to criterion one or the need criterion?

- 19 A. I don't believe I attempted to have anything about need
- 20 at the hearing.
- 21 Q. Were you prevented from offering any evidence at the
- 22 public hearing relating to criterion three, or the compatibility
- 23 criterion?
- 24 A. Yes, I wanted to put the picture, the aerial picture

- 1 into -- and I had a USGS map. And, I mean, everything was
- 2 getting said no to. And I figured that my best nonrefutable
- 3 document was refused. And when the lesser documents started to
- 4 be refused, I gave up.
- 5 Q. Now, remember, you caught yourself a few minutes ago.
- 6 My question was were you prevented from offering any evidence
- 7 relating to criterion three?
- 8 A. Yes, I was preventing from offering the last things.
- 9 Q. And describe the circumstances that prevented you from
- 10 even offering this evidence at the public hearing?
- 11 A. He would not accept anything.
- 12 Q. Again, the distinction is between offering the evidence
- 13 and having the hearing officer admit the evidence. I am asking
- 14 if there was any evidence that you were prevented from even
- 15 offering into evidence at the public hearing relating to the
- 16 compatibility criteria?
- 17 A. Okay. Well, the picture I was looking for I couldn't
- 18 find. I was prevented from offering that because I was looking

- 19 through it and it was, like, let's get on with it kind of
- 20 atmosphere.
- 21 Q. Was that the only reason you didn't offer that
- 22 photograph, was --
- 23 A. I was trying to find it.
- 24 Q. -- because you couldn't find it? So you couldn't find

- 1 it?
- 2 A. It was there. I just couldn't find it at the moment.
- 3 Q. Is there any other reason why you didn't offer that
- 4 photograph at the public hearing?
- 5 A. Other than I couldn't find it? Because I knew it
- 6 wouldn't be any good if I looked for it because it was not going
- 7 to get in.
- 8 Q. So did you not look for it because --
- 9 A. No, I looked for it. I was looking for it. I don't
- 10 know whether that is on the record or not. But I was looking for
- 11 it. I was trying to find -- I didn't think that would be
- 12 objected to. I was looking through other things that I was
- 13 hoping wouldn't be objected to, or that I thought might not be
- 14 objected to.
- 15 Q. Is it accurate to say that you were prevented from
- 16 offering that photograph because you couldn't find it at the
- 17 public hearing?

- 18 A. Not entirely, no.
- 19 Q. What other reasons were you prevented from offering the
- 20 photographs?
- 21 A. I just stated -- I just stated that the hearing officer
- 22 was not accepting anything into evidence.
- 23 Q. So based upon that knowledge, you elected not to offer
- 24 the photograph at the hearing?

- 1 A. I elected not to pursue looking for it at that moment.
- 2 Q. Were you prevented from offering any evidence at the
- 3 public hearing regarding criterion two, that is the criterion
- 4 relating to the location of the proposed expansion as it related
- 5 to the public, health safety and welfare?
- 6 A. Are you -- are these all questions about offering?
- 7 Q. Yes.
- 8 A. Okay. Because I am tired and I forget the front part of
- 9 the question when you get to the last part. If this is all about
- 10 offer, my answer on each of them is going to be the same. I was
- 11 prevented from offering everything that was on the record so far
- 12 that -- we went through, I think, the entire exhibits that I made
- 13 an attempt to offer in the direct of the testimony. Everything
- 14 up to that, everything after then I attempted to and I stopped.
- 15 So if offer is your criteria, then everything is -- attempting to
- 16 offer or being stopped from offering, is that is correct, I
- 17 stopped trying to get things in.

- 18 Q. I am asking you only about criterion two.
- 19 A. Okay. I am sorry.
- 20 Q. The criteria relating to public health, safety and
- 21 welfare. Were you prevented from offering any evidence regarding
- 22 criterion two at the public hearing?
- 23 A. Prevented from offering? No.
- Q. Now, Ms. Andria, I believe you testified earlier today

- 1 that given the confusion about the dates for the public hearing
- 2 that you called the Village to clarify the date of the public
- 3 hearing; is that correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. How many times did you call the Village to clarify the
- 6 date?
- 7 A. I think once.
- 8 Q. And when did you do that?
- 9 A. I don't remember. I think the day that it -- that there
- 10 was a discrepancy. And I called on -- I think I went by on the
- 11 13th.
- 12 Q. Again, just going back for a moment to your deposition
- 13 on August 8th, to page 82, line 14, beginning on line 14. Were
- 14 you asked the following questions and did you give the following
- 15 answers:
- 16 "Question: So you didn't call anybody to clarify those

- 17 notices, did you?
- 18 Answer: I don't remember precisely.
- 19 Question: You do remember going to the Village to try to
- 20 clarify this issue; is that correct?
- 21 Answer: Yes.
- 22 Question: Did you talk to anybody at the Village when you
- 23 went to try to clarify the issue?
- 24 Answer: I don't remember."

- 1 Did you give those answers to those questions?
- 2 A. Probably if they are there I did.
- 3 MR. MORAN: That's all I have.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Baricevic, you have the
- 5 opportunity to cross-examine this witness, but I think we wanted
- 6 to get Ms. Hunt on the stand. Do you have any objection to that?
- 7 MR. BARICEVIC: No.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer, do you have any
- 9 objection to that?
- 10 MS. HOMEYER: No.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran, this is pretty much --
- 12 this is your witness, correct? So you, of course, have no
- 13 objection.
- MR. MORAN: None.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. Ms. Andria, you can
- 16 step down, but we are going to take you up again tomorrow, so to

- 17 speak. But you are finished for today.
- 18 THE WITNESS: We cannot finish up tonight?
- 19 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: We cannot finish it up tonight.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 21 (The witness left the stand.)
- 22 MS. HOMEYER: Mr. Knittle, did Mr. Moran say he is finished
- with his cross-examination?
- 24 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran is finished with his

- 1 cross-examination.
- 2 MS. HOMEYER: So where we pick up tomorrow is with Mr.
- 3 Baricevic?
- 4 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Correct.
- 5 MS. HOMEYER: All right. Thank you.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: And then you will be able to
- 7 commence your redirect examination.
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: Thank you.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: We will take a step outside the
- 10 procedure here for Mr. Moran's witness.
- 11 Ma'am, have a seat here and we will have you sworn in by
- 12 the court reporter.
- 13 (Whereupon the witness was sworn by the Notary Public.)
- 14 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Mr. Moran, you may proceed at
- 15 will.

- 16 MR. MORAN: Thank you, Mr. Hearing Officer.
- 17 FLOSSIE HUNT,
- 18 having been first duly sworn by the Notary Public, saith as
- 19 follows:
- 20 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 21 BY MR. MORAN:
- Q. Could you state your name, please.
- 23 A. Flossie Hunt.
- Q. And, Ms. Hunt, what is your address?

- 1 A. 348 Rear Collinsville Avenue, East St. Louis.
- Q. What is your business or occupation?
- 3 A. A systems analyst.
- 4 Q. Where are employed?
- 5 A. Southwestern Bell Telephone.
- 6 Q. Are you affiliated with the East St. Louis Community
- 7 Action Network?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. In what capacity?
- 10 A. President.
- 11 Q. For how long have you been president of the East St.
- 12 Louis Community Action Network?
- 13 A. A year now.
- 14 Q. What is the nature of the business of the East St. Louis
- 15 Community Action Network?

- 16 A. To empower neighborhood associations, businesses and
- 17 other member organizations to improve their quality of work life,
- 18 quality of life in East St. Louis.
- 19 Q. Are there member entities or organizations who
- 20 participate or are members in the East St. Louis Community Action
- 21 Network?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Can you identify those for us?
- 24 A. A few. There are about 23. Edgemont Neighborhood

- 1 Association, of which I am the president. Oliver Park, Emerson
- 2 Park, the Central Business District, Goose Hill, South End, those
- 3 are some of them, but there are about 23. They are listed. You
- 4 have that list.
- 5 Q. How long has the East St. Louis Community Action Network
- 6 been in existence?
- 7 A. Since 1995.
- 8 Q. What is its mission statement?
- 9 A. To empower the neighborhood -- the member neighborhood
- 10 associations, businesses, and other organizations to improve
- 11 their quality of life in East St. Louis.
- 12 Q. Where are the offices of the network?
- 13 A. 348 Rear Collinsville Avenue, East St. Louis.
- 14 O. In what proximity is the offices of ESL CAN to the Milam

- 15 Landfill?
- 16 A. My geography is horrible.
- 17 Q. Approximately how far is it from the offices of ESL CAN
- 18 to the Milam Landfill?
- 19 A. I can't even approximate. My geography is bad.
- 20 Q. Now, ESL CAN is one of the petitioners in the petition
- 21 for review that has been filed in this proceeding. Are you aware
- 22 of that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. In fact, you were one of the signatories to the original

- 1 petition for review that was filed with the Pollution Control
- 2 Board; is that correct?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. And you had an opportunity to review both the original
- 5 petition and the amended petition for review that has been filed
- 6 in this proceeding?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Is it accurate to say that ESL CAN is represented in
- 9 these proceedings by Ms. Homeyer?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 Q. Now, when did you first become aware that Waste
- 12 Management of Illinois, Inc., was proposing to expand the Milam
- 13 Landfill?
- A. I can't give you a specific date. But it would have

- 15 been -- I can't give you a specific date. I assume 1999
- 16 sometime. Not a specific date.
- 17 Q. How did you become aware?
- 18 A. Ms. Andria informed me.
- 19 Q. Ms. Andria is a member of the Network?
- 20 A. She is.
- 21 Q. In what capacity does she serve?
- 22 A. She serves in two capacities. She is the secretary and
- 23 she is also the chairperson of the environmental committee.
- Q. Was there a decision made by the Network to participate

- 1 in the siting hearings before the Village of Fairmont City on
- 2 this siting request?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. When was that decision made?
- 5 A. Again, no date, but it would have been at one of our
- 6 general meetings where we would have voted on it.
- 7 Q. You have no recollection, as you are sitting here now,
- 8 as to when the meeting was?
- 9 A. Specific, the closest I can get to you is it would have
- 10 been on a third Saturday in the month because that's when our
- 11 general meetings are held.
- 12 Q. Would this vote have occurred before or after March 17th
- 13 of 2000?

- 14 A. It would have -- it should have been before.
- 15 Q. But you don't have any recollection as to whether it, in
- 16 fact, was before March 17th?
- 17 A. I can't be specific, but it would have -- it should have
- 18 been before.
- 19 Q. And was the decision to participate in the siting
- 20 application proceedings memorialized in a resolution or in any
- 21 other written document authorizing someone to appear on behalf of
- the Network in these siting proceedings?
- 23 A. I am sorry? Can you repeat that and clarify it?
- Q. Was the decision of the Network to participate in the

- 1 siting proceedings reduced to writing?
- 2 A. No, no.
- 3 Q. So that the decision to participate was simply made
- 4 orally among a number of the board members or officers of the
- 5 organization?
- 6 A. Or members.
- 7 Q. Or members?
- 8 A. Yes, yes.
- 9 Q. And who voted to participate or have the Network
- 10 participate in the siting hearing?
- 11 A. The members that were present on the date that we -- on
- 12 the third Saturday in the month.
- Q. Who were those members?

- 14 A. Who was present?
- 15 Q. Who voted to participate in the siting hearing on behalf
- of the Network?
- 17 A. I can't tell you who was in attendance. I can't tell
- 18 you who was in attendance at that meeting where we voted because
- 19 I don't know who was in attendance on that third Saturday
- 20 beginning at 10:00, which is our starting time on the day that we
- 21 voted. I can't tell you who specifically was present.
- 22 Q. Did the decision to participate in the siting hearings
- 23 include a commitment of any monies or funds to pay for the costs
- 24 of participation?

- 1 A. No.
- Q. Was it ever anticipated that the Network's involvement
- 3 in the siting proceedings would require the network to expend any
- 4 funds?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Who appeared at the siting hearing on behalf of the
- 7 network?
- 8 A. Kathy Andria.
- 9 Q. Anyone else?
- 10 A. Not that I am aware of, no.
- 11 Q. You did not attend the hearings?
- 12 A. I did not attend.

- Q. Was there a decision made to appeal the decision of the
- 14 Village of Fairmont City on the siting application on behalf of
- 15 the network?
- 16 A. Appeal?
- 17 Q. In other words --
- 18 A. A petition for rehearing?
- 19 Q. The petition for review is an appeal.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. This proceeding, the reason we are here today, is an
- 22 appeal.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Was a decision made to appeal the decision of the

- 1 Village of Fairmont City?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. When was that decision made?
- 4 A. It would have been at a meeting on the third Saturday of
- 5 the month. I can't give you a specific date.
- 6 Q. Who voted to participate in the appeal?
- 7 A. The members that were present at the time, and I cannot
- 8 tell you who specifically was present.
- 9 Q. Were you present?
- 10 A. I have missed very few meetings. I am pretty sure I
- 11 was.
- 12 Q. Were you present during the meeting on the third

- 13 Saturday of the month when a decision was made to participate in
- 14 the siting hearing?
- 15 A. I remember that meeting.
- 16 Q. That one you voted to move forward?
- 17 A. Yes, we would -- we don't move forward unless we are in
- 18 agreement and we vote on it, yes.
- 19 Q. When did you first learn of a date for the public
- 20 hearing on the siting application?
- 21 A. The specific date, I don't remember.
- 22 Q. Do you remember the circumstances under which you
- 23 learned of the date of the public hearing?
- 24 A. It would have been a telephone call or in person and it

- 1 would have been from Ms. Andria.
- 2 Q. Do you remember what she told you about the date of the
- 3 public hearing?
- 4 A. Specifically, no. I know what I can remember is that
- 5 there was some confusion, but specifics other than that, no.
- 6 Q. Well, you were not confused as to the date of the public
- 7 hearing, were you?
- 8 A. Was I confused as to the date? Only what I heard from
- 9 Ms. Andria, that there was some confusion.
- 10 Q. But I am saying you personally were not confused as to
- 11 the date of the public hearing, were you?

- 12 A. I cannot remember and I know that there were -- in
- 13 talking with Ms. Andria, there was some confusion as far as the
- 14 print, the stated date in the paper, in the News-Democrat. So I
- 15 don't recall.
- 16 Q. Ms. Hunt, if I showed you a copy of your deposition
- 17 transcript, might that refresh your recollection as to whether
- 18 you were confused?
- 19 A. It might.
- 20 Q. Page 28, line 24. Ms. Hunt, you remember appearing to
- 21 answer questions that I asked you at a deposition on August 10th
- 22 of this year?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Let me just direct your attention to page 28 of that

- 1 transcript and line 24. Beginning here and going on to the next
- 2 page, could you read that question and those answers and then
- 3 tell me if that refreshes your recollection as to whether you
- 4 were confused about the hearing date?
- 5 A. Question, is --
- 6 Q. You don't need to read it out loud. You can read it to
- 7 yourself and tell us if you --
- 8 MS. HOMEYER: Could Mr. Moran clarify, then, what the
- 9 witness has been directed to read?
- 10 MR. MORAN: Yes. Page 28, beginning on line 24. And feel
- 11 free to read any part of the page and the next page if it helps

- 12 to refresh your recollection.
- 13 (The witness reviewing document.)
- 14 THE WITNESS: The question centered on --
- 15 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Ms. Hunt, does it refresh your
- 16 recollection --
- 17 A. It does.
- 18 Q. -- as to whether you were confused?
- 19 A. It does.
- Q. Were you confused about the hearing date?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Now, Ms. Hunt, were you aware of any person who was
- 23 unable to attend the public hearing because of the number of
- 24 notices that were published about it?

- A. Only the possibility of it, as told to me by Ms. Andria.
- Q. Ms. Hunt, again, I am going to ask you --
- 3 A. Quite all right.
- 4 Q. -- if a portion of your deposition transcript might
- 5 refresh your recollection. This is on page 30, beginning line
- 6 13, and I would just ask you to read that question and the
- 7 response, and then ask you if that refreshes your recollection.
- 8 (The witness reviewing document.)
- 9 A. Well, what it reads there -- but I am not aware
- 10 personally. Only what I was told by Ms. Andria.

- 11 Q. You are not personally aware of any persons --
- 12 A. Personally.
- 13 Q. -- who were unable or prevented from attending the
- 14 public hearing on March 17th because of the number of notices
- 15 that were published for that hearing; is that correct?
- 16 A. Not personally.
- 17 Q. Is that correct?
- 18 A. Correct, not personally.
- 19 Q. Are you generally aware of any persons who were unable
- 20 or prevented from attending that public hearing because of the
- 21 fact that there were three published notices for the hearing?
- 22 A. By generally you are not including --
- 23 Q. I am including any information you may have received
- 24 from some other person, from hearsay, through any means?

- 1 A. Generally I am aware by what Ms. Andria told me, and
- 2 that is that there was some confusion and there may have been
- 3 people that she had been talking to about coming that may have
- 4 been confused because of the -- I guess it was termed a misprint
- 5 of the date.
- 6 Q. And which persons were unable or prevented from
- 7 attending the hearing because of these three notices?
- 8 A. Okay. Specifically, I had heard her talk about -- and I
- 9 don't know names -- about the landfill being in the 100-year
- 10 floodplain and the gentleman that was aware of that, an

- 11 archeologist. But I don't know names.
- 12 Q. You can't identify for us any specific names?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Ms. Hunt, is it accurate to say that you are unable to
- 15 identify any witnesses that the East St. Louis Community Action
- 16 Network would have tried to present at the public hearing because
- of any confusion regarding these notices?
- 18 A. Because Ms. Andria was our representative, the
- 19 representative as the environmental chair, any persons that she
- 20 would have asked to attend I would say ESL CAN would not -- they
- 21 would not have been able to attend on behalf of ESL CAN, her
- 22 being our representative.
- 23 Q. Well, is it accurate to say that you are unable to
- 24 identify any witnesses who ESL CAN would have tried to present at

- 1 the hearing as a result of the alleged confusion as to the
- 2 notices; is that correct?
- 3 A. Any witnesses personally, that is correct. Generally,
- 4 only those that Ms. Andria would have tried to present on behalf
- 5 of ESL CAN.
- 6 Q. And you have no recollection as to who any of those
- 7 persons are, do you?
- 8 A. Specifically, no.
- 9 Q. Do you have any facts or any information to suggest that

- 10 the unavailability of the public hearing transcript prevented ESL
- 11 CAN or Ms. Andria from preparing a written comment responding or
- 12 rebutting any testimony that was presented at the public hearing?
- 13 A. As I think I remember reading in the amended petition,
- 14 because of her -- of Ms. Andria's inability to get the
- 15 application, that may have caused her some problems in writing
- 16 the -- our petition.
- 17 Q. So is your answer that you do have facts?
- 18 A. What I have been told, what I have read in the amended
- 19 petition. Are those considered facts?
- 20 Q. When did you first see the amended petition? Was it
- 21 before you gave your deposition on August 10th?
- 22 A. That week.
- 23 Q. Was it before you were deposed on August 10th?
- A. Yes, yes.

- 1 Q. Do you remember appearing --
- 2 A. On August 10th.
- Q. -- at Ms. Homeyer's office to give your deposition?
- 4 A. Yes, and I had read the amended petition prior to the
- 5 deposition.
- 6 Q. Do you recall at that time taking an oath?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Do you recall at that time taking an oath to tell the
- 9 truth in response to questions that were being posed to you?

- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. At your deposition do you recall being asked this
- 12 question and giving this answer? This is page 46, line two.
- 13 "Question: Do you have any facts or information to suggest
- 14 or establish that the unavailability of the public hearing
- 15 transcript prevented Ms. Andria or ESL CAN from preparing a
- 16 written comment responding to or rebutting any expert testimony
- 17 that was presented at the public hearing?
- 18 Answer: No."
- 19 Did you give that answer to that question?
- 20 A. If it is there, I assume that I did.
- 21 Q. Now, Ms. Hunt, do you have any facts or information to
- 22 suggest that ESL CAN or Ms. Andria was prevented from offering
- 23 any evidence at the public hearing regarding the floodplain
- 24 issue?

- 1 A. Only what I have heard and I think I read something in
- 2 the petition.
- 3 MR. MORAN: Page 49, line 7.
- 4 MS. HOMEYER: Thank you.
- 5 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Ms. Hunt, again, at your deposition on
- 6 August 10th, were you asked the following question and did you
- 7 give this answer:
- 8 "Question: Do you have any information or facts to suggest

- 9 or indicate that Ms. Andria or ESL CAN was prevented or unable to
- 10 present any evidence regarding the floodplain issue at the public
- 11 hearing?
- 12 Answer: No."
- 13 Were you asked that question and did you give that answer?
- 14 A. If it is written there, I assume so.
- 15 Q. Ms. Hunt, do you have any facts or information to
- 16 suggest that Ms. Andria or ESL CAN was prevented from presenting
- 17 any evidence at the public hearing regarding the need for the
- 18 proposed expansion?
- 19 A. Presenting? Offering?
- 20 Q. Yes.
- 21 A. Now, when you say information, what I have heard here
- 22 today I consider to be information, and that's why you asked if I
- 23 took an oath. But I consider this to be information. So today I
- 24 have heard that she might not have gotten all of the application,

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- 1 so I consider that a lack of information that she would have not
- 2 had to present.
- 3 Q. So your testimony now is that based upon what you heard
- 4 today in Ms. Andria's testimony in this hearing that there was
- 5 information that she was prevented from offering at the public
- 6 hearing that related to the issue of need?
- 7 A. I was -- it is what I hear and what I understand. So I
- 8 am testifying based on what I hear and what I understand, that's

- 9 correct.
- 10 And what information did you hear today that indicated
- to you that Ms. Andria was unable to offer evidence relating to 11
- 12 need at the public hearing?
- 13 That she did not have a complete application and in the
- 14 application there might have been information on need that she
- 15 didn't have to present.
- 16 Was there any other information that you heard Ms.
- 17 Andria testify about today that indicated that she was prevented
- 18 from offering any evidence relating to need at the public
- 19 hearing?
- 20 Α. No.
- 21 Do you have any facts or information to suggest or Ο.
- 22 establish that ESL CAN was unable to offer any evidence to show
- 23 that the Milam expansion was not located so as to minimize any
- 24 compatibility with the character of the surrounding area?

- We had a problem with this one, I remember, in the 1
- deposition. Can you repeat that?
- 3 Yes. Do you have any facts or information to indicate
- 4 that ESL CAN was prevented from offering evidence on whether the
- 5 proposed expansion was compatible with the character of the
- surrounding area? 6
- Α. No.

- 8 MR. MORAN: I have nothing further.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Let's go off the record for a
- 10 second.
- 11 (Discussion off the record.)
- 12 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. We are back on the
- 13 record. Mr. Baricevic, do you have any questions for this
- 14 witness?
- 15 MR. BARICEVIC: No.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Ms. Homeyer?
- 17 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 18 BY MS. HOMEYER:
- 19 Q. Ms. Hunt, I believe you testified that your geography is
- 20 not the best?
- 21 A. It is poor.
- 22 Q. If you were to drive from ESL CAN's office, at 348 Rear
- 23 Collinsville Road in East St. Louis to the Milam Landfill,
- 24 approximately how long would it take to drive?

- 1 A. I have only been there once and that is in my
- 2 deposition. It was at night, and we didn't -- we came from
- 3 Collinsville. I really am being quite honest when I say I don't
- 4 know.
- 5 Q. Have you ever smelled the Milam Landfill?
- 6 A. I have not, no. Well, I take that back. I may have on
- 7 my one visit. On my one visit I may have, but I cannot remember.

- 8 Q. Would it be fair to say that the distance from ESL CAN's
- 9 office to the Milam Landfill is under ten miles?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Under five miles?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. You testified that Ms. Andria did represent ESL CAN at
- 14 the March 17th public hearing, correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. And that ESL CAN was aware prior to March 17th that she
- 17 intended to attend on behalf of ESL CAN in support of that,
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. Now, was there a board of directors vote for ESL CAN to
- 21 participate in the petition for review after the hearing?
- 22 A. Membership vote, is I think what it was at a general
- 23 meeting.
- Q. Do you recall a board of directors vote to take that

- 1 action?
- 2 A. I can't remember. There may have been one, but I cannot
- 3 remember that.
- 4 Q. Is it fair to say, though, that ESL CAN made a decision
- 5 prior to the filing of the petition for review to participate in
- 6 it?

- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. And did you have authority from ESL CAN's board of
- 9 directors to sign the petition on behalf of ESL CAN?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. That was not something you decided to do on your own,
- 12 was it?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Did you rely on Ms. Andria to keep you informed of what
- 15 was happening both prior to the March 17 hearing and after the
- 16 March 17 hearing?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Is it fair to say that your information or facts about
- 19 the allegations in the amended petition are primarily based on
- 20 what you heard from Ms. Andria?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- MS. HOMEYER: I don't have any further questions.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Do you have any redirect, Mr.
- 24 Moran?

- 1 MR. MORAN: No redirect.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: Thank you, ma'am, for your time.
- 3 You may step down.
- 4 (The witness left the stand.)
- 5 HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: I am going to call it a day here.
- 6 We will meet back -- let's go off the record.

| 7  | (Discussion off the record.)                                     |
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| 8  | HEARING OFFICER KNITTLE: All right. We are back on the           |
| 9  | record.  |
| 10 | We are going to finish up for today. It is about 6:05 p.m        |
| 11 | I note there are no longer any members of the public present. We |
| 12 | are going to start tomorrow at 9:00 a.m., which is an hour       |
| 13 | earlier than noticed, but I don't think that will be a problem.  |
| 14 | We will be going at 10:00, as well. So thank you very much.      |
| 15 | (Hearing exhibits were retained by Hearing Officer               |
| 16 | Knittle.)  |
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| 13 | Management of Illinois, Inc., in proceedings held before John C.  |
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